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## Parade to celebrate bravery of our troops

by Chris Britcher

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BRAVE troops will march through the streets of the town to mark their return from the frontline in Afghanistan.

Some 300 soldiers from the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (2RTR) – who are heavily recruited from Maidstone and Ashford – will march on Thursday, September 1.

And it is hoped thousands will take to the streets to pay tribute to their service.

The soldiers recently spent six months on active duty in the Helmand Province, playing a vital role in providing heavily armoured support to British infantry. They were also involved in fighting insurgents, patrolling, repairing schools, protecting road building programmes, mentoring the Afghan police and guarding a rock concert.

The regiment's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Marcus Evans, said: "The Tankies provided armoured support to

British troops and the Afghan National Police and Army. Together we protected the people of Afghanistan."

Captain Tom Lloyd-Jukes, second in command of NERO squadron, added: "Marching through Maidstone will be an important event for all of us and we look forward to being able to thank the people of Maidstone for all the support and parcels we were sent while we were in Afghanistan."

This will be only the fourth time 2RTR has marched through a British town in 30 years.

The parade starts outside County Hall at noon, heading down Week Street and the High Street before finishing at Brencley Gardens at 1pm. There will be road closures.

The regiment is based near Stonehenge in Wiltshire, and is part of the oldest tank unit in the world. It has been at the forefront of armoured warfare since the first tanks broke through the German trenches at Cambrai, France, in 1917.



RETURNING: The 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, or the Tankies, have recently returned from Afghanistan

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### TOURISM

## Town unveils tourism app

THOSE with an iPhone or iPad will be able to delve deeper into the delights of the town after the first tourism app for Maidstone was launched. Providing an interactive guide to the town and its surrounding areas, the free app is made available through the council's tourism unit.

### FOOTBALL

## Stones ready to roll again

MAIDSTONE United get their Ryman League campaign under way on Saturday as the football season returns. The club host Whitehawk as they go in search of promotion after tumbling out of the Premier Division last season. The club stages its home games at Sittingbourne's Bourne Park as it seeks a return to the town.

### TOILETS

## Flushed with extension

THE town centre Fairmeadow toilets, re-opened for last month's river festival, will be staying open until September 5 the council has confirmed. The authority says it cannot afford to keep the toilets permanently open but will do so during the school holidays.

### ENVIRONMENT

## Greens: Public cash should go on insulation not High Street

MAIDSTONE Borough Council has "failed" its residents to keep their homes warm and fuel bills down as it ranked in the bottom 100 areas in the UK for houses getting insulation fitted, according to the Green Party.

Kent Green Party criticised the local authority for not encouraging home owners to get cavity wall- and loft-insulation professionally fitted.

According to figures released by the Department for Energy and Climate Change, only 7.9 per cent of homes had insulation professionally fitted between April 2010 and March 2011.

This puts Maidstone at the average level for the county, but puts the area 292nd out of 379 in Britain.

The figures also show that Kent is one of the worst areas in the UK for insulat-

ing its homes.

Stuart Jeffery, chair of Kent Green Party said: "In Maidstone specifically we are calling for capital investment to make insulation free for all households.

"Maidstone Borough Council is investing £2million in repaving the High Street and we feel the money would be much better spent insulating homes rather than on some concrete.

"Proper insulation can save households around £100 per year, and combat fuel poverty, as well as reducing our dependency on imported gas and oil, and reducing our carbon emission.

"It is time that councils in Kent started to look after residents and offered to insulate their homes for free."

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DEATH

# Friends' tributes to Crafty Cook

By Marijke Cox

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HE WAS known to millions as the cook who fronted popular foodie show Food and Drink alongside wine connoisseur Jilly Goolden.

But Michael Barry, who died last week, was much more than just a celebrity chef to the people of Kent.

Moving to Canterbury in the 1980s, Barry, who was born Michael Bukht to an Indian father and Welsh mother but chose to use Barry for his television and writing career, became a champion of local produce in the county.

Chairing regional food organisation Kentish Fare he helped promote local and seasonal produce, assisting many small business in making their mark in what has since become a vital part of the food world.

Friends of the 69-year-old, who died at Kent and Canterbury Hospital on August 4 after suffering a short illness, admitted that Barry "got uppity" when people referred to him as a chef.

Owner of Burgess Stores in Goudhurst, John Maxwell-Jones, a friend and colleague of the star, said Barry was an ambassador for Kent and a cook rather than a chef.

"He called himself the Crafty Cook, I suppose because he would take any ingredients and put them together," said Mr Maxwell-Jones.

"Michael was very straightforward. He would listen to what you had to say, although he didn't always agree. He had a real way with him, which meant he could get around people.

"It was a shock when I found out he'd died. His funeral was last Saturday. It took place quickly as he was Muslim and he followed his faith."

The pair met in 1995 when Mr Maxwell-Jones moved to Kent to open his store and joined Kentish Fare, which later became Produced in Kent.

"At the AGM, Michael approached me and



Picture: JONATHAN HODGE / REX FEATURES

**GOODBYE:** Jilly Goolden paid tribute to Michael Barry, the TV cook and champion of local produce

asked me to join the steering group. It led to us working together and we became friends," said Mr Maxwell-Jones. "Working with Michael and what we learnt from him helped us with what we were doing. One of things he did was give confidence to local producers and businesses – that was what it was all about.

"I think he helped pave the way in terms of local produce. People take a much different view of food these days, for example eating your five-a-day, and I think he helped with that."

Barry's co-host on BBC show Food and Drink for more than 10 years, Jilly Goolden, also said she was shocked and saddened by his death.

The pair had recently been involved in a radio

project together. "It revolved around our favourite subjects – his very definitely food, and mine, typically drink," said Goolden, who lives in Tunbridge Wells.

"All the years we worked together, it was as though Michael and I were in a mutual appreciation society; his approach to cooking was fresh and practical.

"His food was always delicious; I enthusiastically tasted absolutely every morsel he cooked for the programme.

"When we started working together in 1983, I was just beginning my career as a 'wine expert' and Michael was an unwavering support, although he never drank wine himself, he just imagined it from my descriptions.

"He was a larger than life character, ebullient, warm-hearted and generous. I considered him a close friend and will miss him."

Food was not the only passion of the Crafty Cook, who had a major impact on the world of broadcasting. In the 1970s he was the first controller of Capital Radio and later programme controller of Classic FM.

During the mid-80s, on his move to Kent, he took over as managing director of Invicta Radio, now Heart FM.

He also wrote almost 30 recipe books and was involved in the community of Kent, working as communications manager at Swale Primary Care Trust in the early 2000s, was a former president of Canterbury Music Club, and was involved with the new Marlowe Theatre.

He was also awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Kent.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ➔ Javelin school cleared

A SCHOOL under investigation by the Health and Safety Executive after a boy became impaled on a javelin has been cleared of any wrongdoing.

Norton Knatchbull, in Ashford, was told the HSE investigation into the incident had been completed and no further action would be taken.

The 14-year-old pupil Edward Stuckey was impaled through the shoulder by a javelin, which was being used to mark the end of a race, in May. He was rushed to hospital to have it removed.

### ➔ Repossession warning

SOME 800 people are at risk of losing their homes in Kent, according to Government figures.

The statistics show 310 mortgage possession orders have been issued between April and June this year, with 490 households who are renting with landlord possession orders against them.

Housing charity Shelter is urging those at risk to seek advice before homes are lost.

For help call 0344 515 1444 for Ashford, 0344 515 1740 for Chatham, and 0344 515 1530 for Dover.

### ➔ Bus routes cut threat

FUNDING for up to 15 bus routes could be scrapped as part of Kent County Council cuts.

The authority spends about £6 million subsidising 220 bus services across the county which it says do not make any money.

Transport chiefs have launched a consultation into plans to remove 15 of the most expensive.

KCC also says it hopes voluntary groups might come forward to plug the gap.

POLICE

# Parties unite in calls to stop plans for 'politicising' police

KENT'S political leaders have put their differences aside and called on the Prime Minister to scrap plans for elected police commissioners.

Tory county council leader Cllr Paul Carter and Lib Dem opposition leader Cllr Trudy Dean have written to David Cameron warning him of the dangers of politicising the police in light of the recent phone-hacking scandal.

They wrote: "The revelations concerning police investigations into phone-hacking, alleged payment by the media, and relationships between the police, media and politicians point strongly to the need for a separation of powers of political policy and decision-making by elected politicians, and the implementation of those policies through the operational management responsibilities of appointed chief constables.

"We do not believe Kent's



**AGAINST:** Councillors have written to PM David Cameron

residents would wish to see a Conservative, Liberal Democrat or Labour police chief. The election of such politically-sponsored candidates would detract from independent robust policing."

Kent Police Authority currently consists of 17 non-elected board

members, including a mix of independents and different party members from KCC and Medway Council. But under plans included in the Coalition agreement and due to be introduced next May, local people would elect a single official who would then set priorities for the force.

The letter by Cllr Carter and Cllr Dean adds: "Public trust in politicians, police and the rule of the law has taken a severe blow, and issues of democratically accountable governance and scrutiny are likely to be dominant in public life for many years to come.

"The concentration of the enormous powers proposed for individual police commissioners does not resonate with the public demand for increased checks and balances in public life."

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes has been a vocal critic of plans for elected commissioners.

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## AVIATION

# Cliffe back on radar after aviation group starts review into axed airport plan

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FIRST there was Boris Johnson's £40 billion floating airport plan for the Thames estuary.

Then, a cheaper and smaller option for a new £15bn airport at Cliffe on the Hoo Peninsula was unveiled in 2010, followed by a substantially more ambitious £50bn Heathrow-replacement proposal for the Isle of Grain by leading architect Lord Foster two weeks ago.

All this followed a victorious campaign in 2002 against Government plans to build an airport at Cliffe on the Hoo Peninsula in Medway.

But despite all the ideas being branded "pie in the sky" by opponents, including Medway Council, attention has fallen yet again on the marshy landscape of north Kent as the focus returns to the cheaper £15bn proposal.

Plans were put forward by an independent aviation advisory group led by ex-Cathay Pacific executive John Olsen and unveiled in October, 2010, but a review is now underway with Mr

Olsen calling for Government support of the scheme. The three-runway airport would handle up to 100 million passengers a year, easing pressure off Heathrow where expansion has been ruled out.

Mr Olsen has said in the past that although he agrees with London Mayor Boris Johnson that there needed to be another airport built, he did not agree it should be in the Thames Estuary, but instead located at Cliffe as part of the Thames Gateway regeneration.

He said the salt marshes were the "best piece of undeveloped land anywhere near any major city in Europe".

The plan is now being reviewed with hopes the Government will support the proposal.

Medway Council leader Cllr Rodney Chambers said capacity at other airports must be looked at instead.

"When this plan was put forward last year I stated I was furious that this unwelcome proposal to concrete over the Hoo Peninsula and create an international airport appeared to be back on the



**GROUNDING:** Cliffe in Medway has already faced fears over airport

table. That comment still stands," he said.

"In 2002, we successfully fought proposals to build an airport on green fields and internationally important wetlands in Medway and we will do so again.

"The pie in the sky idea of building an airport in the Thames Estuary, being pushed by Boris Johnson to deflect the debate away from Heathrow expansion, is virtually dead.

"Yet Boris and others still persist by resurrecting unacceptable proposals to build an airport in Medway that would cause environmental damage and be potentially dangerous to passengers and aircraft through the risk of bird strike."

A spokesman for Protect Kent – the county branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England – said any idea that north Kent or the River Thames could support an airport should be scrapped. He added that even with bird control measures in place, flights to and from the site would be at high risk of bird strike.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Pfizer site needs time

KENT County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter has admitted it could take five to 10 years before east Kent has fully recovered from Pfizer's exit.

He told BBC Radio 4 there had been interest in the Sandwich site, but creating 2,500-3,000 jobs in pharmaceutical research was a "big ask".

"It's going to take five or 10 years to grow that, and we need to make sure that hopefully we get a freehold purchaser that has got the patience to allow that time to deliver," he said.

## ➔ Cycle ride for heroes

THE Afghan Heroes Ebbsfleet and Manston Spitfire Motorcycle Run is on Sunday, leaving from Ebbsfleet International station at 10am.

It finishes at the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum, Manston, with a family event that will include a fly-past by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and vintage military vehicles.

Registration for the ride is £5, just turn up on the day. Funds raised will buy boxes of goodies for British soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

## ➔ MP's business Q&A

A BUSINESS question-and-answer session is being held with Sittingbourne and Sheppey Tory MP Gordon Henderson on Friday, September 9.

The free event at Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne runs from 8.30-10.30am and is billed as an opportunity for businesspeople to question their MP on issues that matter to their business.

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## POLITICS

# Push for more town and parish councils to deliver 'localism agenda'

AN INFLUENTIAL politician says more town and parish councils should be formed in Kent so everyone can benefit from local decision-making.

Such bodies will be given new responsibilities as part of the Localism Bill currently going through Parliament, but there are still many areas across the county that are only represented by councillors elected at the higher district or borough level.

Cllr Mike Whiting – Kent County Council deputy cabinet member for education – told KoS it was worth considering if towns such as Sittingbourne and Sheerness might benefit from setting up their own town councils.

The member for Swale Central said: "There are communities in my division in Sittingbourne, as there are across the county, that are not parished and may not be in a position in the future to make really local decisions or deliver really local services in the way neighbouring parish and town council areas might.

"I think we should look to start a conversation in those communities, and ask them whether they feel it might be right for them to set up their own parish or town councils.

"This is not something that can be imposed – that would be totally against the ethos of localism – but if communities want a more formal mechanism through which their views can be represented or local services delivered, and put themselves on a more equal footing to those areas that have parish or town councils, then I think they should be listened to."

Prime Minister David Cameron announced last month that town and parish councils – of which there are almost 300 in Kent – will be allowed to impose parking charges, take over leisure centres and even revoke strip club licences as part of the new localism agenda.

They will also be able to take control of libraries, local museums and parks.

However, the plans have raised concerns that such local bodies may be ill-equipped to cope with new powers without the same professional expertise available to district, borough and county councils.

Cllr Whiting is planning to raise the matter at a meeting of the Swale local engagement forum in October.

## CHARITY

# Book tells story of children's charity founder

A NEW novel tells the story of the establishment of children's charity The Caldecott Foundation and the life of George, an former resident and father to the author Briony Webb.

Entitled George, the book tells the story of Leila Rendel, who set up Caldecott in 1911.

Caldecott, based at Smeeth, near Ashford,

provides residential care for children aged five-16, with primary and secondary education in the foundation's own school, and therapies to maximise each individual's life chances.

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**LUCKY MAN:** Chris Aylward, pictured here in hospital, after the motorcycle accident which saw him lose 75 per cent of his blood

**ROAD SAFETY**

# Motorbike safety campaign to cut the number of 'fatherless kids'

**By Steve Knight**

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A MAN who suffered life-threatening injuries after crashing into a car is supporting a new motorcycle safety campaign.

Building surveyor Chris Aylward, 34, from Pembury, near Tunbridge Wells, sustained a broken pelvis, cracked left hip and three fractures to his left knee in the shocking accident just over a year ago.

He also lost 75 per cent of his blood and admits he would have died were it not for the efforts of the Kent Air Ambulance and other emergency personnel.

But having since made a miraculous recovery to get back on two wheels, Mr Aylward is backing a new county council initiative that aims to reduce the number of bikers killed or seriously injured every year.

"I was awake the whole time during and after the accident," he said.

"But when I took my helmet off I couldn't see my left leg because I'd broken it so badly that it was pointing in the opposite direction.

"I think I was more in shock than pain at the time, but perhaps it was delirious pain because I've had three operations to repair the damage to my leg and pelvis since.

"Having spent a month in hospital I needed a pin inserted along my broken femur and a series of screws

and plates to hold my fractured pelvis together."

In the last three years 376 motorcyclists have been killed or seriously injured in accidents on Kent's roads.

While bikers account for just one per cent of traffic in the county, they represent a much higher 25 per cent of all fatal casualties.

Central to the new KCC campaign is the website KentBikers.co.uk, which contains a wealth of safety tips and other information for motorcyclists. The council will also be distributing posters and postcards to bike clubs, dealers and cafes popular with motorcyclists.

Mr Aylward has been riding bikes for more than 13 years and said it was proof that even the most experienced riders are at risk of having serious accidents.

But he added: "There are a lot of casual riders who only go out on their bikes in the warmer months, and my theory is that they are the ones at the greatest risk.

"I'm likely to get some flak from other bikers because they will say it's the car drivers who need educating, but there are less motorcyclists on the road so it's easier to target the smaller audience.

"Anyone who rides less than 5,000 miles a year should get extra training. It will only take a few hours and could stop wives becoming widows and their children fatherless."

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**ARMED FORCES**

## Afghan heroes planning parade

SOLDIERS from 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (2 RTR) will march through Maidstone on Thursday, September 1, to mark their return from Afghanistan.

Some 300 'Tankies', who are recruited heavily from Maidstone and Ashford, spent around six months on duty in the Helmand Province.

The Regiment provided heavily armoured support to British infantry and were involved in fighting insurgents, patrolling towns and villages, repairing schools, protecting vital road building programs, mentoring the Afghan National Police, and even guarding a rock concert.

The soldiers' parade starts at noon at County Hall, Maidstone, and will finish an hour later at Brenchley Gardens with speeches and prayers.

**ART**

## Youth are centre stage at Turner

TURNER Contemporary is gearing up for its second major exhibition which will feature works by major artists including Henry Moore, Peter Blake, Sarah Lucas, Andy Warhol, Mark Leckey, Jim Lambie and David Hockney.

Nothing in the World but Youth brings together 200 works by 94 artists exploring how adolescent experience has been reflected in art and culture from the late 19th century to the present day.

The exhibition at the Margate gallery runs from September 17-January 8, 2012.

Gallery director Victoria Pomery, said: "Although it focuses on what it is to be young, the theme is universal and the content will have resonances for both young and old. The theme of youth is also particularly relevant to Margate, and the town's own connection with youth culture."



## ROAD SAFETY

# Speed pilot does not go far enough, say campaigners

By Jenna Pudelek

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ROAD safety campaigners have welcomed a new scheme to trial 20mph zones around primary schools, but say it does not go far enough.

In what is being seen as a victory for people power, Kent County Council has agreed to a pilot initiative to lower the speed limit around six schools in Maidstone.

And it could pave the way for other towns to trial 20mph zones where there is support from residents and councillors, such as Tunbridge Wells.

Kent Green Party has been leading a campaign for the lower speed limit in residential areas throughout the county, which has widespread support.

However, KCC is reluctant to introduce blanket 20mph zones.

"We think it is brilliant that KCC has finally started to accept we are right," said Hazel Dawe, a Tunbridge residents and chair of the county's Greens. "Unfortunately it is a very limited scheme and just outside schools. We want a blanket 20mph zone in all residential roads, particularly in towns, across the county."

"KCC have finally listened to the people, but

we would like them to go much further."

The highways authority has argued it would cost £4million to enforce 20mph zones around Kent.

But Dr Dawe said: "Speed limits are self-enforcing. If all residential roads are 20mph everyone will drive much slower. People are clamouring for this."

KCC was unable to say how long the Maidstone pilot, which will come into force next year, would last.

In Tunbridge Wells, 20mph zones have the support of the borough council's portfolio holder for transport, Cllr Brian Ransley.

He said the new Tunbridge Wells Transport Forum would hold its first meeting in September, and will be an opportunity for councillors and residents to bring forward suggestions such as lower speed limits.

Cllr Ransley said these would then go to the joint transport board, which would be responsible for bringing them to the attention of KCC.

But Dr Dawe said there was more work to be done convincing councils of the benefits of 20mph zones and ending the county's "Top Gear attitude" towards cars.

"There seems to be a peculiar attitude to the car in Kent, particularly in the west," she added. Councils seem reluctant to do anything that might marginally impact on people's ability to diver fast and park anywhere they like.

"There is a real Top Gear attitude towards cars but we need responsible, safe drivers. "I am amazed at the reluctance of councils to do things that are obvious and that residents would welcome. "Councils which are car-driven do not give enough attention and resources to public transport, so it is an imperative for people to use cars. But if councils believe public transport is important they put in the resources, so it is easier to get everywhere by public transport."



## SEA RESCUE

## Lifeboat crew saddle up to save 'sea horse'

A LIFEBOAT crew made an unusual rescue when they saved a horse that had swum half a mile out to sea.

On Tuesday, the horse, Shallimah, had thrown off its rider in shallow water near the Sandwich Bay Sailing Club, and then swum straight out to sea.

The rider swam after the animal, but turned back when she realised she had no chance of catching it up.

Walmer Inshore Lifeboat crew attached a line to the tiring horse's bridle and then managed to coax the animal back towards the shore.

Once in shallow water the lifeboat crew, with help from Coastguard Rescue Officers from the Deal Team, were able to walk it ashore to be reunited it with its grateful owner.

## TOURISM

## High-tech Dickensian videos for visitors

SMART phone users can now discover the delights that Dickensian Rochester using Quick Response code technology.

Rochester is one of five destinations chosen by Visit England to take part in a pilot project which aims to encourage visitors to view tourist information and videos and spend more time in the area.

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## ROADS

## 200 drain covers stolen for scrap

MANHOLES covers have become the latest target for metal thieves – with nearly 200 stolen in recent weeks.

Drivers and cyclists have been warned to be on the alert for holes in the road after the theft of the roadside drain covers.

Kent Highways says it will make safe missing gully and manhole covers within two hours of being made aware of a problem.

Officials are looking into the possibility of using alternative materials that have no scrap metal value. Kent County Council cabinet member for environment, highways and waste

CLlr Bryan Sweetland, said: "These are mindless and irresponsible thefts. They create a danger for road users and add to our taxpayers' bill."

Chief Supt Steve Corbishley said: "Kent Police recently took part in a national day of action, visiting scrap metal dealers and targeting prolific offenders. We will continue to work with partner agencies on these days of action to raise awareness and to target suspects when we have information they are involved in crime."

Anyone seeing suspicious roadside activity is asked to contact Kent Highways on 08458 247 800, or email [kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk).

## TRANSPORT

## Potholes rules change could 'cause even more accidents on the roads'

By Steve Knight

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MOTORISTS already fed up with the county's crumbling roads are due to be hit by controversial new rules governing the repair of motorway potholes.

From 2015, the Highways Agency, which is responsible for maintaining the M2, M20, M25, M26 and all major trunk roads in the county, will no longer require its contractors to fix faults smaller than 4cm deep or 15cm wide within 24 hours.

But opponents say the plan will lead to more accidents and higher vehicle repair bills for drivers.

"It's not a good idea in terms of either road safety or the maintenance of vehicles," said former transport minister and Labour MP for Gillingham and Rainham, Paul Clark.

"My worry is that this, coupled with reductions in road safety budgets and road maintenance generally, will lead to a greater number of incidents on our roads and undermine the hard work put in over many years to reduce accident figures.

"There will also be more insurance claims, which will push up premiums. There's also a

concern local authorities will be persuaded to change their own pothole repair policies as a result of this ruling."

While potholes are a common problem on Kent's highways, the situation was exacerbated by the freezing cold temperatures and heavy snow that fell during the winter of 2009-10.

The severity became clear one January morning when at least eight drivers had to pull over on the M20 after suffering punctures to their tyres as a result of a particularly deep fault.

Kent County Council has spent millions since on repairing the roads it is responsible for – all those that are not motorways or major trunk roads – but last May the authority admitted there was a "vast" shortfall in the £250 million required in this financial year alone to bring them up to standard.

A spokesman for the Highways Agency said its contractors will still be required to ensure safe and even road surfaces for motorists.

He added: "Outside the mandated activity, contractors must prioritise their work on a risk basis, using data and information about the condition of the network to make decisions on where to undertake maintenance activities.

"The Highways Agency will continue to main-

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The spokesman added the new rules also give contractors "more room to innovate" and choose the best methods to maintain the country's roads.

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Wildlife lacking water

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The conservation charity is concerned water levels in rivers such as the Medway, the Stour and the Rother are lower than normal for this time of year.  
Many birds, mammals, and insects feed and produce offspring in streams and rivers. But they are often left dry due to over-abstraction of river water, especially during periods of low rainfall.

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A BROKER has been fined £106,499 for knowingly taking part in mortgage fraud.  
The Financial Services Authority said Michael Lewis, trading as Lewis Partnership, based in Canterbury Street, Gillingham, also been banned from carrying out regulated financial services business.  
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## RESCUE

# Teen holidaymaker buried alive on beach says 'thank you' to rescuers

By Lauren Rogers

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A GIRL who was buried alive when a wall of sand collapsed on her as she played on a Norfolk beach has said thank you to the men and women who saved her life.

Paige Anderson, 15, from Gravesend, was trapped under five feet of compact sand for 15 minutes on August 5.

She was about to climb out of the hole she and her sisters had been digging on the beach at Caister, near Great Yarmouth, when the sides caved in without warning.

The frantic fight to save Paige saw paramedics, police, Caister lifeboatmen, coastguards and members of the public desperately digging through the compacted sand to reach her.

When Paige was eventually pulled free she had stopped breathing.

Her father, Michael, saw that his daughter's face had turned blue and feared the worst.

But paramedics were able to clear the sand from her mouth and resuscitate her before she was airlifted to hospital by the RAF Sea King helicopter.

She was discharged from the James Paget University Hospital in Gorleston on Saturday, just over 24 hours after the drama unfolded.

The family spoke of their ordeal – and then thanked the people who helped save Paige's life.

Picture: JAMES BASS



**FIGHT:** Police dig for Paige buried under the sand

It was the first time the family had been to the beach at Caister.

"The girls were playing in the sand", said Mr Anderson, who is a security guard.

"My eldest, Jade, had finished digging a hole and Paige was in the process of finishing hers. They had made this tunnel between them. They were chatting and waving at each other – like kids do.

"It was about 3pm and I went over to tell Paige we should get back to the holiday park to get showered or jump the pool. I was going to lift her out, but it was too deep so she said she'd make some steps and climb out.

"I turned around to speak to my youngest and when I looked back the sides were collapsing. Then she was gone. The rest is a blur."

Jade, 19, managed to jump out of the hole and immediately called the emergency services.

"I was on my knees digging," said Mr Anderson. "We all were. I wasn't going to stop. Even when the police got there, I told them I couldn't stop. I've done first aid training, but you are never prepared for this kind of thing to happen to your family.

"She is a brave girl. It's a miracle she's here. "The whole thing has restored my faith in people. I just can't thank them enough."

The family attended fun day at Caister Lifeboat Station to meet some of the volunteers involved in the rescue.

Mr Anderson said they wanted to pass their thanks to all of the emergency services, as well as the beach users and local residents who came to their aid with shovels.

Paige remembers little about the incident. "I'm okay – just shocked really," she said.

"I've got a bit of a sore back. I can't remember what happened exactly. I remember crouching down to go through the tunnel, then it all went black."

Mr Anderson said his daughter did not know where she was when she woke up in hospital and has been quieter since the drama, but is hoping to return to the beach soon.

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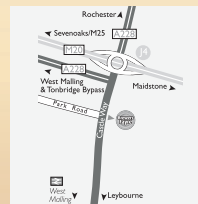
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MEDIA

# Three towns offered chance to launch own TV channels

By Steve Knight

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TELEVISION viewers in three Kent towns may soon benefit from the launch of channels catering specifically for their local communities.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt has released a list of 65 towns and cities in the UK – including Dover, Maidstone and Tonbridge – which the Government feels are suitable locations for such stations.

Local charities, community groups, universities and media companies are now being invited to bid for the new licences, with the first ones awarded next year with a view to a summer 2013 launch date.

The stations will be allowed to broadcast unlimited amounts of advertising in return for providing a minimum of an hour of local news per day.

Professor Tim Luckhurst, head of the University of Kent's school of journalism, said he thought local TV was "essentially a very good idea".

He added: "I think people like



news about their local community, and as human beings we like to know what's going on around where we live.

"The big question is whether they can be financially viable, and having spent quite a bit of my life in the United States I've seen that they can be.

"Local car dealers, restaurants and lower league football clubs are not going to pay to advertise on network TV because 99.9 per cent of the audience won't live close enough, but with local TV everyone who watches is a potential customer."

The 65 locations announced by the Government have been chosen because they have the appropriate Freeview transmit-

ter coverage, and include major cities such as Glasgow, London and Liverpool.

No terrestrial television stations cater specifically for local Kent news, with both the BBC and ITV Meridian covering large areas of the South East.

Archant KOS Media provides the online video service yourkenttv, which you can watch at [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).

Prof Luckhurst said the Kent towns selected all have a strong sense of community, but that only the residents know if they are likely to tune into such channels.

The new licences awarded by the TV regulator Ofcom are likely to interest production companies such as Ten Alps – founded by Faversham resident and Live Aid organiser Bob Geldof – which was behind Kent County Council's ill-fated Kent TV internet service.

Prof Luckhurst said it was important the new channels do not come at the expense of local newspapers, saying: "This shouldn't be about replacing local papers with local TV."

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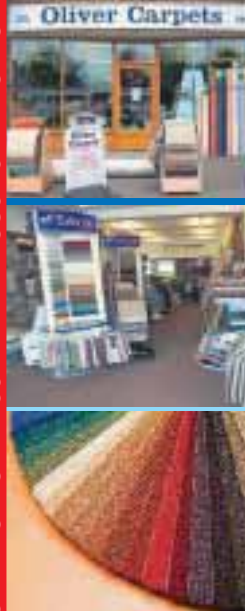
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## News

### ROAD SAFETY

# Speed cameras are 'not the reason' for drop in road deaths

By Steve Knight

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A MOTORISTS' group has hit out at claims speed cameras have led to a 77 per cent reduction in deaths and injuries on Kent's roads.

The Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership has taken credit for the drastic decrease in serious accidents, down from 347 in the three years prior to cameras being installed in 2002, to just 80 between 2008 and 2010.

But the Association of British Drivers says the organisation is wrong to claim excessive speed is the only contributing factor to crashes.

Kent branch secretary Brian MacDowall said: "The Department for Transport lists 77 causation factors to accidents but the camera partnership lists just one - speed - and doesn't state how far from the camera the accidents occurred.

"Two factors stand out above all others - failure to look properly (38 per cent) and failure to judge another road-user's path or speed (20 per cent). The camera partnership has blatantly ignored these and other contributory factors.

"No doubt this is part of its charm offensive to justify its existence."

Last year Kent County Council slashed £508,000 from its speed camera budget after the Government cut £38 million of road safety funding. Other local authorities throughout the UK have switched their cameras off completely.

Mr MacDowall added: "We suggest there is the potential for considerably more savings of Kent taxpayers' money by abolishing the partnership, especially as speed is such a low factor in accident causation in the county."

A recent survey by the Institute of Advanced Motorists suggests the majority of people are still in favour of safety cameras, with more than 80 per cent of those questioned in the South East agreeing cameras are an acceptable way of identifying vehicles involved in speeding offences.

Over half of those surveyed also believe injuries and deaths on the road will go up if cameras are switched off.

Camera partnership spokeswoman Katherine Barrett said: "Crash fatalities and casualties

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MILITARY

# Ex-Army MPs' anger over soldier accused of cutting off Taliban fingers

By Steve Knight

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APPALLED former soldiers-turned-Kent MPs have spoken out over allegations a squaddie in Afghanistan has been chopping off the fingers of dead Taliban fighters.

The unidentified soldier is a member of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders – also known as 5 Scots – who are based at Howe Barracks in Canterbury.

It is alleged he carried out the shocking mutilation during the battalion's last tour of Afghanistan, which ended in April.

The accusations are particularly serious due to the Muslim tradition that a dead person must be buried with all their body parts.

Tory Gravesham MP Adam

Holloway is a former Grenadier Guard who has visited British troops in Afghanistan at his own expense for the last several years.

He said: "In any group of 600-odd men you will have some who are nutters. At best they're mentally ill and at worst they're sad, sick individuals who shouldn't even be in the Armed Forces in the first place.

"I'm sure if these allegations are proved true the person responsible will be held to account and kicked out of the Army, and rightly so.

"Soldiers should always have respect for their enemies, and from my own experiences I know that the vast majority look after their prisoners and the dead.

"There's no excuse at all for this sort of behaviour. People just can't behave like that."

The Ministry of Defence confirmed this week that an investigation had been launched into the allegations, and that the Special Investigation Branch – which specialises in cases considered too serious for the Royal Military Police – was also involved.

The 5 Scots battalion is an air assault infantry group which forms one of seven battalions in the Royal Regiment of Scotland, and has been based in Canterbury since 2003.

The regiment became Britain's lead presence in Helmand, where it travelled with the Royal Highland Fusiliers as part of 16 Air Assault Brigade, last September.

As part of the tour, 5 Scots soldiers took control of mentoring and

training duties with the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police.

Canterbury MP and former Territorial Army officer Julian Brazier is a member of the House of Commons' defence select committee.

He said: "Respect for the dead has always been one of the important elements of the code the British Army works by, and if these allegations are true then it's extremely distasteful and I'm glad the MoD is investigating them.

"The extreme stress experienced by soldiers in Afghanistan may be a mitigating factor, but it certainly doesn't remove the offence."

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ROW: A soldier from 5 Scots, based in Canterbury, has been accused of maiming dead Taliban fighters

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## HOSPICE

## Lottery collectors get long-service awards

LONG-service awards have been presented to a team of Pilgrims Hospices lottery collectors who celebrated with a strawberry tea at Pilgrims Hospice Thanet.

The five collectors have all been picking up money from regular lottery players in Thanet for 15 years.

The collectors who received awards were Debra Fowles, Colin Brown, Lil Smith, Esther Jenner and Mary Carrett. Five other collectors also reached their 15-year milestone but were unable to attend in person.

Chair of the Pilgrims Hospices board of trustees Dr Richard Morey said to them: "The Pilgrims Hospices Lottery contributes £500,000 a year to the hospices, so thank you on behalf of the board of trustees and also on behalf of the patients."

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## HISTORY

## Angolan pictures offer a glimpse of a unique way of life

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DRAMATIC images captured in 1930s Angola by the daughters of Victorian explorer Major Powell-Cotton are to be rediscovered as part of a unique cultural exhibition.

Rare film footage, photographs and artifacts will be displayed alongside contemporary images taken by Angolan photographer Joaquim Fortunato, who is returning to the exact locations visited by the two women.

The exhibition, which will be displayed from next April at the Powell-Cotton Museum at Quex Park in Birchington, was made possible through money from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

It also attracted the interest of Angolan Cultural Attaché Antonio Sampaio, who paid a visit to the museum to see some of the 3,000 artifacts, film and images collected by Antoinette and Diana Powell-Cotton more than 80 years ago.

Co-curator of the exhibition, Catherine Moore, said the Attaché was "overwhelmed" by what he saw.

She said the project's aim was to reach out to the Angolan community in the UK while also teaching British people more about Africa.

"Angolan people worry that people in the UK perceive a country of Africa, such as Angola, as rural and deprived compared to places in Europe," she said.

"Since peacetime in Angola there has been large development and progression.

"Powell-Cotton was aware of the changes that were coming, which was the reason for his daughters' visit."

Ms Moore said she was par-



**THEN AND NOW:** The images will be displayed alongside photographs from today

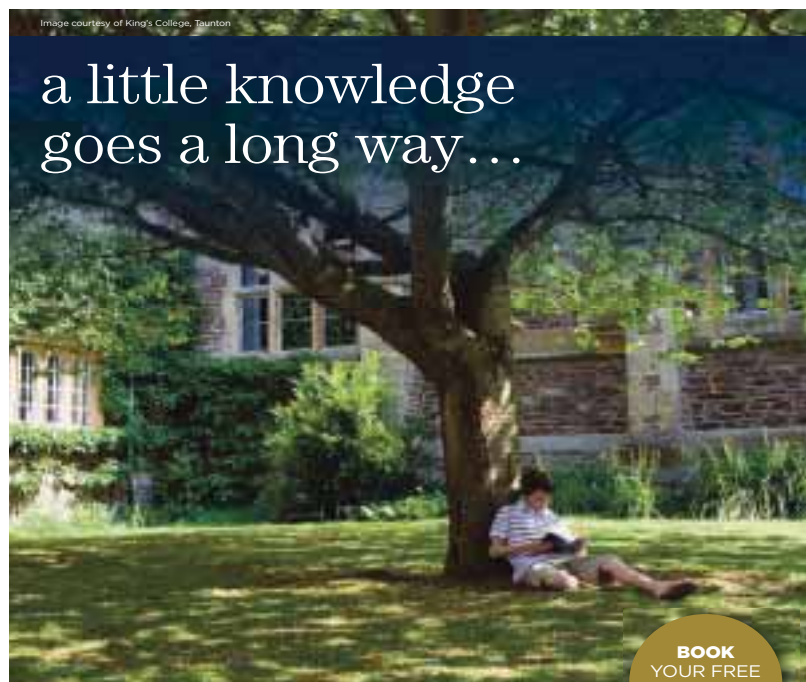
ticularly taken in by the work of the Powell-Cotton sisters, who were 28 and 23 at the time of their exploratory trip to an area little visited by English speaking researchers during the 1930s.

She said: "They were two young women with marvellous spirit who went against the advice of the Foreign Office

and just got on with it.

"The film footage they took was from a very female perspective. It showed domestic scenes and home life – it wasn't just about classifying and collecting or measuring; it was about a connection and showing real life."

The Powell-Cotton women collected more than 3,000 cul-



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tural objects, took more than 3,000 photographs and recorded four hours of black and white, silent film.

The Powell-Cotton Museum in Quex House has nine galleries devoted to the work of famous explorer, collector and conservationist Major Percy Horace Gordon Powell-Cotton.

The museum holds the world's largest collection of endangered and extinct African and Asian animals' DNA that is used internationally for research and conservation projects.

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**LIFE:** Many of the pictures are concerned with domestic and home life, giving them a more personal touch as they were taken by women who were did not need to collect or measure information

## ART

### Nominations open to find best piece of public artwork in Kent

DESIGN guru Wayne Hemingway will lead the judging panel for this year's Liberty Kent Public Art Award to celebrate the best new public artwork in Kent.

The award is for public artwork created between April, 2009, and August 15, 2011. To be eligible to enter, the work must have been made for, and sited in, a public space.

The award is funded by Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd and Kent County Council.

The first prize of £7,000 will go to the winning artist with a further £5,000 to the work's commissioner.

They will also have their details engraved on the Rouse chair – designed by Kent craftsman Will Glanfield – and which they will get to keep until the next awards.

The second prize of £3,000 will go to the runner up artist. People who live and work in the county are being asked to nominate their favourite piece for the award.

Nominations can be made online at [www.libertykentpublicartaward.co.uk](http://www.libertykentpublicartaward.co.uk), where there is also information on past winners of the award.

The deadline for nominations for the award is Friday, September 2.

## DEATH

### Two men die in Longford Lake

THE bodies of two men in their late 40s have been found in a lake near Sevenoaks.

Officers went to Longford Lake in Chipstead last Friday night after reports that two men who had travelled down from London had drowned

while swimming there.

The bodies of the men, who were from Lewisham and Lee in south east London, were discovered at 7pm. The circumstances are not being treated as suspicious and the coroner has been notified, police said.

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## Fishing reform battle

THE fight to reform Europe's common fisheries policy and end the practice of discarding unwanted fish will be tough, according to Kent Lib Dem MEP Catherine Bearder.

She said MEPs have been told French fishing interests are building a pan-European network to fight the proposals, and Scottish fishermen claim ending the discard of fish is not "realistic".

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## HEALTH CARE

# Hands-on experience will serve new mental health chief well in job

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AS a former nurse for people with learning disabilities, the new chief executive at Kent's mental health trust knows how tough it can be for staff on the frontline.

Bob Deans (pictured right) has taken over at the helm of Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust at a time of unprecedented pressures on health service finances and is quick to admit he is concerned about the "shrinking pot of money".

He certainly faces some significant challenges while in the year-long, interim post based at the trust's offices in Kings Hill.

These include ensuring the organisation meets the tough criteria to gain foundation trust status, and finding the £13 million of savings needed this financial year to balance the books.

After just a few weeks in the post, he has already found a major test of his leadership will be convincing patients and carers about the quality of the trust's services.

Many people believe mental

health services do not get the attention they deserve, and patients and their families still have to cope with the stigma attached to mental illness.

"We've got very good performance around our care programme approach," Mr Deans said.

"But that is not what we are hearing from patients. We have got to do something about how we can improve the experience of service users that reflects the good quality way staff appear to be providing them. We need to build a dialogue that reflects their expectations and our capacity for meeting them."

"It is quite a deep cultural thing to pull off. I think it is about perceptions. Whatever people tell us about their perception we have to take seriously. But we also have to have an open dialogue with people about what is possible within the environment we exist in."

Mr Deans also wants to improve

the experience of those working for the trust, or 'staff engagement' in NHS management-speak.

Here he believes he can draw on his own experience as a nurse and some 35 years working his way up the health service ranks. "I don't miss it, but I do remember it," he said.

"So when I'm out meeting people on the frontline I remember what it was like and what I thought of managers. So I think I have an empathy with people."

Mr Deans described his principles as: "They are around respect and dignity, being effective in everything you do and being effective in how you go about it, and I think treating people as you would like to be treated yourself."

"Would I be proud of the services I provide, if I needed them or my mother, my wife or my son, if not, then what am I doing?"

Meanwhile, with the Government's controversial NHS reforms

"changing the commissioning landscape", the trust will have to face increasing competition from other providers and meet major challenges around efficiency savings.

He would not go into figures, but there will also be some staff cuts at the trust.

"The public purse is effectively shrinking and we must live within our means," he said. "We will continue to reduce reliance on hospital-based care where it is not necessary. There will be consolidation of some of our hospital-based services into centres of excellence."

For a hint of things to come, people should look towards the trust's new in-patient facility at St Martin's Hospital in Canterbury.

The £10m facility, which opened last month, has centralised care in east Kent and treats patients from Dover, Deal, Thanet, Shepway, Ashford and Canterbury.

But a recent protest by carers over the closure of a 19-bed, in-patient ward at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford shows people are still fearful of losing care closer to their homes.



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IT'S TEE-HEE: Dave Lee's charity has raised £2m

GOLF DAY

# Stars get ready to rock as Dave Lee prepares annual charity golf event

By Marijke Cox

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POP heroes McFly and TV's Family Fortunes host Vernon Kay are among a long list of celebrities invited to take part in comedian Dave Lee's annual charity golf competition.

The all-star event, sponsored by Archant KOS Media, is taking place on Sunday, September 18, at Chart Hills Golf Club in Biddenden, near Ashford, with proceeds going to the Kent comic's Happy Holidays charity.

Dave Lee, who lives in Canterbury, said the charity had raised £2 million since he launched it with his late wife Linda 15 years ago.

"I never thought we'd ever reach the £1m mark so it was unbelievable when we hit £2m," he said. "I hope we can raise lots more at this charity golf day."

Joining McFly's Danny Jones and Harry Judd are Britain's Got More Talent host Stephen Mulhern, Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels actor PH Moriarty, former England footballer Luther Blissett and ex-England and Kent cricketer Martin Sadders.

Dave's comedy pals Bobby Davro and Bradley Walsh are also due to be taking part alongside snooker legend John Virgo and Gillingham manager Andy Hessenthaler.

A charity auction will take place, including a one-off wooden rocking horse created by Dover



CAUSE: This rocking horse will be auctioned off as part of the event which will see stars from McFly



resident George Dean. Previous rocking horses donated to charity made by Mr Dean have attracted bids of up to £11,000.

"I've made about 27 of these horses and I always donate them to charity," he said.

"I chose Dave Lee's charity as it is a very good cause. I hope to beat the record of £11,000 and raise even more money with this horse."

Dave Lee's Happy Holidays owns five holiday homes in Camber Sands and has sent more than 45,000 under-privileged children and their families to places such as Tenerife, Disneyland Paris

and Disney World in Florida. The charity also sends 1,250 children to a pantomime every year.

The cost to enter a golf team of three is £750 with a celebrity player drawn for each team on the day. Admission to the event, which starts at 10am, is £5 and free for children, with free parking.

Any sealed bid for the rocking horse can be sent to Dave Lee's Happy Holidays, The Coach House, 42 Barton Mill Road, Canterbury, CT1 1BP.

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OPINION

# Finding long-term cure for NHS

Health Secretary **Andrew Lansley** says the Government's proposals to change the NHS will give the public better choice over their health care

THE NHS is one of the things that make this country great.

Last Monday, I opened the new Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at the Princess Royal Hospital in Orpington and saw first-hand their work to improve care for people who have had a stroke.

Following a stroke it is vital that patients get fast access to specialist treatment.

The new stroke unit at the Princess Royal Hospital will mean patients will now be able to receive the specialist care they need – clot-busting drug treatment and high-tech CT scanning equipment in Orpington rather than having to travel to central London.

Today, 35,000 people die from a stroke every year and similar numbers of people are left with severe disability.

I was one of the lucky ones. Nineteen years ago, when I was 35-years-old and apparently fit and healthy, I had a stroke while playing cricket.

I was in the outfield, went down to pick up a ball, threw it back and then found it hard not to veer off to the left.

Within half an hour, I couldn't stand up. Within an hour, I was in an ambulance.

The stroke only affected part of my cerebellum; I lost 'fine balance'. A problem for skiing or for tightrope walking, but not for daily life.

It is good to see real progress has been made on stroke care, but we know we have more to do.

The Face, Arm, Speech Time, (FAST) Test is widely recognised in prompting an emergency 999 call.

Thrombolysis (clot-busting drug treatment) for stroke is rolling out across the country and minor strokes get rapid follow up much more often.

But the plain truth is that we have an ageing population – combine this with the rising cost of medicines and we have

a NHS that is under more pressure than ever before.

By 2030, the NHS will be doing an extra 50,000 hip and knee replacements and two million operations. Ignoring those huge challenges today, will mean a crisis tomorrow.

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other so the patient chooses them.

This kind of competition is a good thing and can improve services for patients.

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Finally, we will increase NHS funding with £12.5 billion more for the NHS by the end of the spending review.

We're not cutting, but spending more – and every penny the NHS saves through greater efficiency will also be invested back into frontline care.

We're determined to deliver these changes.

Changes that the NHS needs, and patients here in Kent and across the country deserve.

**■ Andrew Lansley, CBE, is Secretary of State for Health.**

## KOS COMMENT

Frontline policing kept troublemakers away

RUMOURS of riots may have been spreading across Kent this week, but apart from problems in Medway the county has remained generally calm.

Much of that has been down to Kent Police, with officers out in force sending out a strong message that anyone planning on causing trouble like that seen in London should think twice.

This robust move by the force may well have saved the county from some of the destruction seen in the capital and is a good example of how frontline policing is the only way forward when coming down hard on troublemakers.

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### Officers miss the message

IN CONNECTION with the story 'Kent Police swoop to tackle rise in metal thefts', I would like to inform you the police are doing absolutely nothing about these crimes and letting the criminals get away with it.

I know this first-hand because I, as well as my co-workers, witnessed a flatbed lorry accompanied by a blue Ford Fiesta drive into an unused factory in Margate.

They the set about clearing debris, etc, from their lorry and loading onto it a large quantity of metal cable trays.

At the same time one of the three men that were on this site began using a petrol cutter to divide long metal lengths of rigid steel beams into smaller sections, while a blonde-haired girl kept lookout.

One police officer arrived at the site just after all the metal cable trays had been loaded, very neatly, onto the flatbed.

He then proceeded to talk to them and made them sit on the steel beams they cut up.

All of them got their mobile phones out and start texting and calling.

This was the scene for roughly 30 minutes, then another officer arrived.

The officers spoke to the men and must have told them to unload the flatbed because they were then shifting their very neatly packed cable trays back onto the floor by the van.

The Ford Fiesta, with one of the three men inside and the girl then drove off; this was followed by one of the police officers leaving the site.

This left one police officer and two of the men with the flatbed truck who then got into their van and drove off with the police officer making an unproductive attempt at securing the gates behind him.

This group of 'thieves' were caught and witnessed stealing in plain view of a police officer.

The law states that trespassing and stealing or attempting to steal is burglary thus breaking the law.

This mean the police officers have a duty to remove these thieves and vermin from our

streets and prosecute for their blatant disregard for the law.

It's appalling the officers left to deal with this crime have allowed them to get away with it while Kent Police are marketing their specific action against metal related thefts.

I hope this information proves useful to you in outing the uselessness of some of our police officers and the way they have not been dealing with a growing problem.

R Gonesh, by email

### War vet, plane and simple

YOUR correspondent did us proud in last week's KoS and we were delighted to see such an excellent report on our plans to open our new learning centre – The Wing – at Capel-le-Ferne.

The one thing I would just like to point out is that the Spitfire that regularly flies over the National Memorial to The Few and along the White Cliffs is not a replica, but a battle-hardened veteran of World War Two.

BM597 is a Mk Vb Spitfire,

built in 1942 at Castle Bromwich – one of 1,000 built at the time.

It has a Merlin engine producing 1,230bhp and had a maximum speed of 332mph at sea level.

These days it generally flies more slowly to allow passengers in the Action Stations! helicopters to take photographs of this iconic aircraft as it displays alongside them.

The Trust is working closely with Action Stations!, which is helping to raise awareness of the memorial at Capel-le-Ferne by bringing these unique experiences overhead during its flying weekends.

BM597 served with two Polish squadrons – 315 and 317 – during the war and was later used as the master for the mould used to make the glass fibre replicas used in the film The Battle of Britain.

Richard Hunting CBE, chairman, Battle of Britain Memorial Trust

### Farmer's got facts wrong

Re: Live exports from Ramsgate.

I have recently read the account by farmer Frank Langridge and the times that he states the animals are transported being just four-and-a-half hours. How wrong he is.

Having been at the dockside since this vile trade began again from Ramsgate I have witnessed the horrors of this first-hand.

Mr Langridge only quotes the time of the ferry crossing from Ramsgate to Europe via the ferry.

God only knows how much further they have to travel once they reach the Continent's shores.

He also failed to mention that the lorries carrying these calves (only weeks old and 'products' of the dairy industry) and sheep have already travelled many hours to get to Ramsgate.

Some of these trucks have Irish registrations so some, we can assume, must first be travelling from Ireland across the sea and then journeying from Wales or the West Country to Ramsgate – so Mr Langridge, your figures just to not add up.

He also quotes that rearing farm animals is a business.

These are living, sentient creatures Mr Langridge, not products or commodities.

How would he like to have his child torn from his wife and sent in a lorry in this way, not dissimilar to young children being transported to the gas chambers in the war?

If you could hear their cries for their mothers, see their faces and smell the stench of the lorries I'm sure most of you would be reduced to tears as I was the first time I saw and heard this.

Denise Bottali, Westgate-on-Sea

### Not so green and pleasant

IF, LIKE me, you love the sight of our beautiful local countryside, you may be shocked to learn the Government has published a new set of planning rules which could give an automatic green light to any new development in the countryside outside the most protected sites, such as National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

For more than 50 years the planning system has balanced the need for new buildings and houses with those of the environment and local people.

But the new national planning policy framework contains a "presumption in favour of sustainable development" which, as ministers are reluctant to tell anyone what 'sustainable' might mean, looks like a default 'yes' to development.

Local people will find it increasingly difficult to campaign against unsustainable development, nor will we get any appeal; greenfield sites will be concreted over.

These are hardly the actions of a government aspiring to be "the greenest government ever".

I am supporting the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) in fighting these changes, and they have helped me send a letter to my MP asking ministers to reconsider.

I urge anyone else who wants England to remain a green and pleasant land to do the same by visiting [www.cpre.org.uk](http://www.cpre.org.uk).

Angela Sanderson Kingsdown, Deal

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## Help needed in bid to trace old account

**Q** Please can you help? I am trying to find a building society account that I opened in Diss, Norfolk, about 20 years ago. I have lost the account book and the problem is that I have been in touch with the likely societies in the area, and they have not been able to help me.

**A** There has been a huge shake-out in the building society industry over the past 20 years or so. Some of the biggest societies became banks or were taken over by banks. Many of the rest merged with one another as it became harder and harder for small societies to survive. The most likely society to have your account is, of course, the Norwich and Peterborough. Over the decades, it has swallowed up lots of the old local societies such as the Thetford, Norfolk & Suffolk. Or there is the Cheltenham & Gloucester – now owned by Lloyds Banking Group. You might not think of it as having a big presence in the eastern counties, but in 1989 it took over the old Bury St Edmunds Building Society and its branches. A side-effect of the shake-out is that many people have lost touch with their savings. So, the banks, the building societies and National Savings have got together to make it easy to search old records of dormant and lost accounts. The database even includes old Post Office Savings Bank accounts. If you have access to the internet, visit [www.mylostaccount.org.uk](http://www.mylostaccount.org.uk). Fill in the online form with as much information as you can, and records will be scanned for a match. If you do not have the internet, call Lynne Bartlett on 020 7520 5900 and ask her to send you a lost account leaflet and claim form. Complete the form, giving as much information as you can, such as your address at the time the account was opened. Staff will then carry out a free search of old building society accounts and accounts held by banks that used to be building societies.

**Q** Despite a good credit record, no mortgage and two pensions, I was turned down by a loan company with which I have previously done business, on the grounds that I am now 70. Is it legal to discriminate on grounds of age?

**A** If a business offers loans, it cannot discriminate on the grounds of race, religion or sexuality – but it is allowed to consider your age in deciding whether or not you could afford repayments, and even whether you will live long enough to repay the loan. Using your home as security will be cheaper than offering no security at all. But if you want to avoid a mortgage, then the simplest options are a bank loan or a credit card. Use a comparison service such as the one at [www.mymoney24.co.uk](http://www.mymoney24.co.uk) to find the lowest interest.

**TONY HETHERINGTON**  
MONEY CLINIC



**Q** I was interested to read the recent letter about money stranded in a small pension policy as I have £400 in a Winterthur Life pension plan. I cannot get it out except as £100 in cash and then £1 as an annual pension. This happened because my employer changed its pension provider from Aviva to Winterthur Life shortly before I was made redundant.

**A** With the switch by most employers from final salary schemes to pension plans such as yours, where we all have our own pots of money, more and more people will be stuck with modest sums of cash that are left stranded. We are all told by the Government to save for our old age, yet the Government itself makes rules that mean a pension plan holding hundreds of pounds can prove virtually worthless. Perhaps if we demand a change through our MPs, a way will be found for even a small pension pot to be worth something.

**Q** In a recent answer about car mileage allowances for employees, you stated that for the first 10,000 miles a year of business driving, the tax-free allowance was 40p a mile. But an earlier report said this was increased in April to 45p.

**A** My apologies. The letter we published was from a reader who had received her tax assessment for 2010-11. Her employer paid just 22p a mile when she used her car on business, and she wondered how to claim the remaining 18p of the tax-free allowance. I should have made clear that although the allowance was 40p, it has been increased to 45p a mile for 2011-12.

**Q** I was rejected for a bank account because I have no driving licence or passport. I am 19 and never had either, but I still need an account.

**A** Unless you can prove who you are, banks regard you as a potential drug money launderer or terrorist. They face penalties if they open an account for someone who turns out to be one of these. But banks also accept a variety of other documents, such as an employer's ID card, utility bill, national insurance card or a student identity document.

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## Figures are a boost for first-time buyers

**By Ed Foss**  
MyMoney 24 writer

LATEST mortgage figures have shown the highest number of first-time buyers granted loans for nearly a year.

The figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders relate to June. More first-time mortgages were granted in that month than have been granted for a period of 10 months.

But this week also saw renewed warnings about negative equity and people being unable to pay their mortgages.

One-in-seven people is struggling with repayments, according to new research by Which?

But of those, only a third have approached their lenders for help.

Options available to lenders include moving customers from a repayment to interest-only mortgage, allowing them a payment holiday, or allowing them to move to a different deal.

Which? executive director Richard Lloyd said: "With ongoing uncertainty about the economy, it's not surprising that many people are worried about their household finances."

"For some it would only take a small increase in mortgage rates to send them over the edge."

"If you're struggling with mortgage repayments then your first port of call should be your lender."

"It's not in anyone's interest for people to default on their mortgage, so it's important that lenders do all



**GOOD NEWS:** Figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders have shown that more first-time mortgages were granted in June than during any of the previous 10 months

they can to help their customers who are struggling with repayments."

The increase in loans to first-time buyers saw 18,100 mortgages approved in June. This is 24pc higher by volume and 29pc higher by value than in May.

The trend away from interest-only mortgages continues for all borrowers, with 87pc of house purchase loans in June taken out on a repayment basis, up from 86pc in May.

This is likely to persist as future home movers and remortgagers continue to take out future mortgages on a repayment basis.

CML director-general Paul Smee said: "Whilst there are clearly financial uncertainties ahead, it is encouraging to see more house buyers surfacing at the start of summer."

"Recent increases in Bank of England approvals figures also show that more completions are expected in July, so the more encouraging numbers may persist for a while."

Chris Gardner, a director of mortgage broker Obligo.co.uk, said: "The June spike in first-time buyer mortgage advances reflects the surge in products at higher loan-to-values (LTVs) and the more favourable criteria of lenders."

"There are now plenty of competitive 90pc products in the market and we are also seeing more lenders move into higher LTVs, which is driving rates down further."

"In recent months, more lenders have even returned to the 95pc LTV range, although these products are still in relatively limited supply."



**CRITICISED:** Swiss Air, part of the Lufthansa Group, is to introduce an 'optional payment charge'

## Anger over air carrier's payment charge

A DECISION by a major air carrier to start charging travellers for paying by plastic has been branded "unbelievable" by a leading consumer group.

Lufthansa Group – which includes the Swiss brand – made the announcement about the so-called "optional payment charge" just weeks after the Office of Fair Trading

ruled that such behaviour was unfair.

The OFT reached its conclusion following a super-complaint by consumer group Which?

Following Lufthansa's announcement, Richard Lloyd, executive director of Which?, said: "It's unbelievable that airlines have introduced these card fees just weeks after the OFT agreed with us

that they are unfair and misleading."

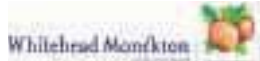
"Just one simple change to the payment services directive would put an end to debit card surcharges for good."

"The Treasury must act quickly to do this before other airlines and businesses jump on the bandwagon and start charging these excessive fees."

WITH the varying aspects of social media very much in the news right now because of its use by rioters – and also by those involved in organising clean-ups – this week we look at the advantages and pitfalls of Twitter, Facebook and their like in the workplace. Continuing with the online theme, we feature TV fashion expert Lynnette Peck Bateman and her very 2011 vintage clothing business. Although the clothes date back to the 1950s and 60s – and indeed even earlier – Lynnette runs her business solely through the internet from her Sandwich home. Then there is a report on how the Channel Chamber of Commerce is looking to increase help for new businesses and make its voice heard more effectively in support of east Kent companies.

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## Businesses face cyber attack risk caused by growing 'mob culture'

By Nick Ames

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A NEW breed of office 'mob culture' is driving a wedge between office-workers and management, leaving businesses across Kent vulnerable to security breaches, according to a new report.

ITogether, a network and security specialist, says that two-thirds of those surveyed used their own personal mobile devices such as iPads for work, with 67 per cent connecting them to their employers' IT systems.

But almost half (48 per cent) refused to comply with security measures, leaving their work systems vulnerable to cyber attacks and security breaches. Despite this, 36 per cent of workers still expected to have full, unfettered access to all their personal online accounts and social-networking sites throughout their working day.

"What we're seeing is a widespread 'mob' culture that's building up in the workplace as people's personal and work lives merge through technology," said Simon Richardson.

"Workers expect their employer to foot the bandwidth costs for their personal devices, enabling them to do online banking, or access

Facebook, for example, but flatly refuse to conform to their work-security measures.

"This behaviour is exasperating business-owners and senior management. We all love our devices, but, especially given the spate of recent high-profile security breaches, everyone, not just IT managers, needs to take this issue seriously."

But the survey said there were also reasons for businesses to be cheerful. The research revealed that equipping workers with the latest smart devices improved motivation, made employees feel valued and increased company revenue.

Businesses in the county are increasingly reliant on platforms such as Twitter and LinkedIn to improve business efficiencies and strengthen communication, so business-owners will welcome the news that 76 per cent per cent of current workers admitted using their own devices to keep in touch with work outside office hours, meaning they were more likely to maintain focus on their jobs from day to day.

Furthermore, the research highlighted an opportunity to strike a mutually-beneficial balance between the management and the employee over the ownership and usage of these devices.

Surprisingly, half those surveyed would be



### NOT BETTER CONNECTED:

With more and more employees using their mobile devices in the workplace, the chances of an online security breach are increasing for businesses

happy to split the cost of a combined work and personal device with their employer, with each shouldering a portion of the contract and costs according to how the device was used.

Simon Richardson, co-founder and managing partner at Itogether, said: "Today, social networks connect people to the world around them and employees expect to be able to access their personal online accounts in the workplace."

"What is alarming is that, despite this, few companies have established formal processes for handling social-networking tools in the workplace. Even fewer have expanded this to mobile workers, or personal devices, compromising any previous investment that they may have made to secure their network or corporate image."

"The good news is that as a result of ever-developing technologies there is a range of solutions available to help businesses safeguard themselves against security threats, from deploying cloud-based web firewalls to installing a 'dirty' network."

## INVESTMENT

### New wagon rolls as firm hits 90

ENGINEERING Company L Robinson & Co is 90 years old in 2011 and has taken a leap into the future by investing in a state-of-the-art delivery vehicle.

The Gillingham company's new 7.5-tonne Fuso Canter was supplied by Mercedes-Benz dealer Sparshatts of Kent – the German manufacturer's UK dealer is also responsible for sales and support of the Japanese light-truck range.

L Robinson & Co was founded in 1921 by former Royal Navy officer Commander Lumley Robinson, inventor of the Jubilee clip. His worm-drive hose-clamp is acknowledged as a design classic and is to be found in machines where hoses need to be connected.

The company produces a comprehensive range of clips and exports about half of its annual production across the globe.

L Robinson & Co's new truck not only meets European emissions limits but also the even more stringent Enhanced Environmentally-friendly Vehicle standard.



**ALL-NEW START:** Stephens & Son LLP has joined with Redfern Stigant

## LEGAL

### Law practices unite to streamline service

**TWO leading legal firms have joined forces, saying they will be able to offer a more streamlined and effective service to both business and private clients across Kent.**

**Solicitors Stephens & Son LLP, based in Chatham, have merged with neighbouring firm Redfern Stigant.**

**Stephens & Son, founded in 1793, is one of the oldest legal practices in the Medway towns, while Redfern Stigant dates back to the 1890s, when Adam Stigant started a legal practice in Chatham.**

**The merger is a homecoming for Stephens & Sons managing partner Jacqueline Shicluna, who trained at Redfern Stigant before qualifying as a solicitor in 1988.**

**She said: "Both firms have operated virtually side by side for many years.**

**"It is our aim to continue to provide a friendly, efficient and professional service, using our combined strengths and expertise to better serve our clients' needs."**

## DEBT

### Insolvency threat at 12-month low

BOSSSES across the country say they are feeling more confident in recent weeks, with the number saying they are concerned about business debt and the threat of insolvency at its lowest level for a year, at 41 per cent.

These figures are from the insolvency trade body, R3, and its latest Business Distress Index.

But the positive news is rather clouded in the South East because the retail sector and smaller firms are less likely to be sharing in the relative improvements in business fortunes.

The South East has the highest number of VAT-registered enterprises in the country outside London, almost 330,000, according to the Office Of National Statistics

The R3 survey indicates that more than four-fifths are trading without debt or with low levels of debt that give them no cause for concern.

However, 6 per cent already recognise that they have debt levels that are a serious worry, and 11 per cent see it as a matter of concern.



## AWARDS

### Building their own success

BUILDING design and construction company Directline Structures has reached the finals of the London and South East Constructing Excellence Awards for the second year running, winning a hat-trick of nominations.

The Ashford business beat a record number of entries to make the short-list in the SME Award, The Legacy Award – Sustainability and the Value Award categories for its sports-hall project at Seaford Head Community College in East Sussex.

The college, which faced spiralling costs after struggling to find a contractor that could meet its needs within budget, was on the brink of cancelling the project last year until the company stepped in.

It exceeded the client's original specifications and at the same time saved the college £300,000 and an estimated 30 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Directline Structures will join other finalists at the awards ceremony at the Grange Tower Hotel, Tower Hill, London, on Friday, September 16.

## NETWORKING

### Entrepreneur wins Euro cash

**THE Kent Foundation For Young Entrepreneurs has successfully applied for European Union cash to support its next research project, which will assist those attempting to get business ideas going.**

**The successful bid, worth up to 44,000 euros, was obtained by the group working with partner group Mission Locale – St Omer. It will explore the creation of a new support network to help business people in Kent aged 15 to 18.**

**Last year, a young entrepreneur from Canterbury, Charlie Artingstoll, approached the foundation for help in establishing the network.**

**A foundation spokesman said: "This is essential for the development of another Kent foundation service. With our partners in Nord Pas-de-Calais, the intention is to research how we might create an appropriate support network that, ultimately, may cross the Channel."**

## RECOGNITION

### Sustainability nomination

BRAKES, of Ashford, has been short-listed for the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) Sustainability Award at the National Business Awards for the second time.

Winner in 2008, the catering company says the nomination shows it has continued to lead in the field of sustainability by being among 10 businesses selected for this year's final.

The award is presented to the organisation that best demonstrates a company-wide commitment and proven case for sustainability; its business model must show sustainable growth that has had a direct impact on profitability and financial performance.

Richard Spencer, head of sustainability at ICAEW, said: "Brakes demonstrates that sustainability is not at odds with profitability."

"ICAEW believes we must capture the enterprise of business to help us meet the challenges of the future – we are committed to promoting the case for sustainable business."

# Kate's royal look at bargain prices

## The BIG Interview

The owner of Lovely's Vintage Emporium, Kate Peck Bateman, says all of us can dress like a duchess for less if we just look out for the inspirational vintage items that make Prince William's new bride look so stunning



**F**ashion guru Lynnette Peck Bateman, who runs an online vintage store from her home in east Kent, says that newly-wed royal Kate Middleton has become a style icon – and her newly-created business means the royal look is affordable to all.

She says fans wanting to re-create her look don't have to spend thousands of pounds – instead they can shop for older-style designs and get the 'Kate look' at a bargain price.

A designer dress worn by a celebrity which costs thousands if purchased new can be obtained for tens of pounds from vintage outlets.

Lynnette, who is married to TV Big Brother star Nick Bateman, has acquired several garments for her Lovely's Vintage Emporium of the sort Kate Middleton has been photographed in, now she is in the public eye.

She said: "Today Kate is a huge fashion icon, but six months ago she wasn't."

"You can get her look by shopping around for vintage-clothing styles – you don't have to go to the same designers that she does. You can get her style by shopping on the high street for basics. After all, Kate shops on the high street, too. Then there is vintage, and I think that is the best option."

"In fashion, most designers' work comes from vintage clothing anyway. The industry employs style-hunters who look at what young people are wearing and look at what vintage designs there are before showing the results."

"The designers then make their creations – but of course they are inspired by what has gone before. So by searching out original clothing, people can get a particular look without having to pay vast amounts of money."

"Vintage designs are even being worn by celebrities now, and that never used to happen. Julia Roberts wore vintage on the red carpet at an Oscars ceremony and Cate Blanchett is another actress who has worn vintage items."

Recently, Lynnette has acquired a 1960s green wool dress with gold buckles similar to one worn by Kate for a formal appearance. There are also a more casual 1970s-style Radley purple jumpsuit as worn by Kate when meeting people and a Jaeger white polka-dot shirt worn in Canada – along with a stetson hat. In addition, she has a 1960s Courreges cream dress and a 1970s black-lace dress in the style favoured by Kate.

Lynnette said Kate had changed her look as she came more into the public eye.

"Kate really was not a fashion horse but obviously attracted attention when she became associated with Prince William," Lynnette said.

At first the Press were critical and using phrases such as 'new Sloane'. Lynnette says that Kate played it safe... and hasn't moved on hugely:

"Gradually her style changed, although not too much. She wears simple block colours – there is the occasional use of lace but in a stylish way. To be honest, I'd like to see her be a little more adventurous."

Lynnette was also interested in the dress the new duchess wore for the wedding itself.

She said: "Kate looked like a modern fairytale princess. Thoroughly 21st century. William and Kate are not from the celebrity 'look at me' culture. Her dress was very Kate – elegant and stylish and not showing off. The veil wasn't stiff and formal, either. The choice of designer Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen was a little edgy but a good one. There were several Alexander McQueen signatures – the heavy embroidery around the skirt and the peplum style around the hips."

"That was necessary as Kate is very slim and otherwise the dress would just have been a lace bodice and skirt. She obviously realised people needed something to look at, but it certainly wasn't like the dress Diana wore. I know it was the 80s, but that was all big fashion and big hair."

Lovely's Vintage Emporium (website [www.lovelysvintageemporium.com](http://www.lovelysvintageemporium.com)) was founded by Lynnette, nicknamed Lovely by her friends. The team for the boutique includes Lynnette's husband Nick, a fellow vintage-ista who has been sourcing vintage watches and cufflinks for years.

Lynnette has worked as a magazine fashion and beauty director and editor for almost 20 years, with key roles at magazines including Cosmopolitan, Eve, Now, Vogue Australia, Saga and New Woman.

She has launched and edited magazines; styled celebrities such as Emma Bunton, Charlotte Church and Gail Porter, helping them look fabulous on photo shoots; presented on many TV and radio shows; and consulted for leading fashion and beauty brands.

During her career, Lynnette's passion has been vintage – from clothes to accessories, from her first 1950s pink-beaded cardigan bought at a market when she was 13, to a more recently-acquired red Ossie Clark dress.

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# Channelling support for the start-ups

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THE Chamber of Commerce that represents companies across Shepway, Dover and Thanet is embarking on a major new flagship business support programme.

Don't Start Without Us is designed to give start-ups across east Kent the support they need to succeed in this tough economic climate.

The newly-branded Kent Channel Chamber of Commerce (formerly Channel Chamber) is also joining the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) network. Members say this will enable the group to add its voice to other chambers across the UK when talking to the Government as well as tap into expertise across the UK.

Kent Channel Chamber's first major initiative will focus on helping start-up businesses with a programme of added-value services and benefits. This coincides with the Government's New Enterprise Allowance, also being launched nationally this month with an offer of up to £2,200 for unemployed people to start their own business or become self-employed. It is particularly relevant to the area following the closure of Pfizer.

The Don't Start Without Us programme links new entrepreneurs with the east Kent business community through a range of business-to-business offers, worth more than £10,000.

The chamber is partnering several local companies, including printers, accountants, banks and independent advisers to provide a one-stop service offering everything a new business needs to get off the ground and survive.

Peter Hobbs, chief executive of Kent Channel Chamber, said: "It's vital for any new entrepreneur to get sound advice. As a chamber, we have been helping new businesses across east Kent to do this for many years.

"This programme combines this support with an exciting range of great-value services from local businesses that ensure new start-ups have the greatest chance for success. So I'm particularly pleased that we have been able to negotiate a package that can give new businesses up to £10,000 worth of savings".



Bev Duncan, HSBC east Kent business manager, is supporting the move.

He said: "The closure of Pfizer at Sandwich is motivating a number of their employees to think about going into businesses for themselves.

"With funding now available through the New Enterprise Allowance for many other would-be entrepreneurs, Channel Chamber is uniquely placed to help support this market. Linking them to the business services they need from local providers is a win-win situation for everyone."

McCabe Ford Williams is one of the companies involved in this initiative.

A chartered accountancy firm celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, experts will be offering up to two hours' free advice on key issues such as taxation and employment.

John Shipley, partner at the company, said: "Starting out in business can be daunting, but there are many companies like us that can help.

"The Don't Start Without Us programme is an excellent way of bringing together the business community to support new entrepreneurs, and we are delighted to be part of it. We recommend other companies join us in participating."

For further details, phone Sezen Zeki, chamber manager, on 01303 270022, or email [sezen.zeki@channelchamber.co.uk](mailto:sezen.zeki@channelchamber.co.uk).

**SUPPORT:** Peter Hobbs of Kent Channel Chamber says it's vital new businesses utilise all the help they can get

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## More empty commercial property and the future is looking bleak

THE level of unoccupied commercial property space continued to grow locally during the three months to June as an increasing regional variation became apparent across the UK, says the RICS UK Commercial Market Survey.

Seven per cent more surveyors in the region reported rises rather than falls in available floor space as fewer companies looked for space due to the economic downturn.

The South East market performed better than in many parts of the UK as strong differences in the levels of available space reflected the differing state of the market across the country.

As a result of this growing availability, the number of incentive packages offered by landlords to secure a letting in the region continued to increase during Q2.

Despite demand for commercial property in the South East remaining positive, surveyors appear pessimistic about rent expectations for the coming three months, reporting a net

balance of -11. Furthermore, expectations for the region's office space were particularly bleak, with 14 per cent more respondents predicting falls rather than rises in rental values.

In keeping with the rather downbeat picture across the regional market, new development starts continued to fall in the South East, registering a net balance of -7.

By way of contrast, London was the only area of the country to report a positive reading, reinforcing the regional divide characterising the UK commercial property market.

Simon Rubinsohn, RICS chief economist, said: "Broadly speaking, the rising amount of unoccupied floor space in the South East reflects the situation across many parts of the country, illustrating the markedly different economic conditions that separate the capital from the rest of the UK.

"Moreover, this starkly contrasting picture is expected to last for some time."



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## Coming up roses for Notcutts boss

A GARDEN centre manager has won an Oxford Summer School scholarship worth nearly £2,000.

Matthew Ellis, who works at Notcutts Garden Centre in Maidstone, will learn from some of the retail industry's best minds at the week-long event later this month.

Among them will be Liberty chairman Marco Capello, Fortnum and Mason managing director Beverley Aspinall, and Peter Jones managing director Tony Wheeler.

Mr Ellis started with Notcutts seven years ago and has worked his way up from weekend cashier to manager of the centre's indoors department.

He said: "I am very excited about attending the Oxford Summer School. It is an excellent opportunity for me to further develop my skills and understanding of the industry.

"I'm especially interested in learning more about marketing and merchandising as it would make me a more rounded retailer. I'm looking forward to reporting back to my team."

## Apprentice Kelli is top of her trade

AN APPRENTICE from Gillingham has been named top of her trade at the National Construction College (NCC) East annual apprentice awards.

Kelli Randall, 19, who works for Skanska Construction UK Ltd Civil Engineering, was one of 17 youngsters honoured at the ceremony, which was hosted at the college's campus in Bircham Newton, Norfolk, late last month.

The ceremony was opened by NCC director Andy Walder.

He said: "As Europe's largest construction training provider, we work closely with employers to meet their training needs and pride ourselves on delivering specialist training that will give businesses a competitive edge to help them succeed and grow. Training and providing highly-skilled apprentices forms a key part of this.

"Their apprenticeship, taught by highly skilled instructors in top-class facilities, will be the best introduction they could wish for into our exciting sector. We are confident they will go on to become the future success stories of our industry."

# Trainees flying high at Biggin Hill Airport

By Steve Knight

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AVIATION companies with engineering operations at Biggin Hill Airport are supporting a new campaign to raise awareness of aeronautical apprenticeships.

The Resource Group is managing a two-year training programme which will enable successful candidates to achieve a range of relevant qualifications, with the first eight months taking place at Cotswold Airport in Kemble, Gloucestershire.

The final 16 months of the scheme will be at Biggin Hill, where the apprentices will be individually assigned to one of the participating companies to complete their initial studies with supervised practical work.

Managing director Jenny Munro said: "With a growing number of top quality aeronautical engineering organisations at the airport, the need to encourage and enable keen young people to train and realise qualifications under this new scheme is a vital component of local enterprise that will increasingly benefit the community.

"This is a golden ticket to the opportunities of the aviation industry and I am excited about what the future will hold for the apprentices who qualify within these arrangements.

"This year we are looking for five suitable candidates to launch the scheme. We expect the scheme to expand over the years with increases in the size of the annual intake."

Qualifications available to applicants include the EASA part 66A licence in certified maintenance mechanics, the NVQ Level 3 and City & Guilds 2661 in aeronautical engineering, and the NVQ Level

2 in performing engineering operations.

Candidates must have at least five GCSEs at A-C grade including maths, English and science, and must be enthusiastic about engineering, have a desire to work in aviation and be prepared to learn and work away from home.

The Resource Group has been working with large aircraft maintenance organisations across Europe for the past 20 years, and managing director John Larkin says the organisation is well positioned to support Biggin Hill in the placement of apprentices.

Resource Group managing director John Larkin said: "After our success with the Newquay Cornwall Airport apprenticeship programme earlier this year, we are delighted to be already under way with a similar programme for Biggin Hill.

"This is a much-needed local scheme to support future skills sets in aviation and to provide regional growth in the South East."

The apprenticeship scheme is being funded through Semta's National Apprenticeship Agreement with the Skills Funding Agency

Initial applications should be sent to The Resource Group, Temple House, Whittington Hall, Whittington Road, Worcestershire WR5 2RY, with a CV and covering letter, or to apprentices@resourcegroup.co.uk. The closing date for applications is August 19.



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## College offers scholarships for low income students to learn new skills

THANET College is offering a limited number of scholarships for people wishing to study there from September.

The scheme will enable adults aged 19 and over the chance to have 95 per cent of their tuition fees paid for by the college when on a full-time course.

It is hoped the initiative will help those people who may be benefit-dependent, on low income or in receipt of working tax credits to re-

train, and learn new skills.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis from applications received by the college's student support team.

Further help may be available to adult students who are on a low income, including financial help to pay for child-care, kit, equipment and travel costs.

The scholarships are available for all courses included in the college's full-time prospec-

tus for 2011-12, which covers a wide range of subject areas.

These include catering and hospitality; business, admin and tourism; community and life skills; construction; creative and visual arts; education and science; engineering and computing; hair and beauty; English as a foreign language; health sports; and public services, and more.

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## Students get low-carbon skills training

PLUMBING and heating students at MidKent College will learn how to install the latest low-carbon technologies thanks to a £2,500 grant.

The cash has been donated by the Rochester Bridge Trust and has been spent on a new solar rig and air-source heat pump, which the youngsters will showcase at the WorldSkills International trades competition in October.

Stuart Nice, head of faculty for construction and building services at the college, said: "The solar rig and air-source heat pump are two brand new pieces of kit that will enable our building and services engineering students to work on some of the latest renewable appliances and technologies.

"The purchases will provide our students with the opportunity to work on sustainable installations and will also form an important part of a sustainability project we will be showcasing at the WorldSkills event.

"Following the competition the new kit will remain at the college, where it will be used for sustainable installations training."

The Rochester Bridge Trust was founded in 1399 to maintain the stone bridge that crossed the River Medway and linked Rochester with Strood.

Over the centuries the organisation has also contributed toward the cost of bridges at Tonbridge, Yalding, East Peckham, Watlington and Maidstone, and more recently took a leading role in the construction of the Medway Tunnel that links Chatham maritime with Strood.



**BUILDING BRIDGES:** MidKent College staff

The trust, which is regulated by the Charity Commission, also distributes a number of community grants for projects ranging from the conservation of historic buildings to educational projects for disabled children.

Bridge clerk Sue Threader said: "The trust is committed to developing excellence in construction and engineering skills in young people.

"Supporting this project reflects the importance we place on the training and career development of people working in the science, engineering and construction sectors."

## Sign language course to increase the complexity of students' skills

A LEVEL 2 British Sign Language course will be launched in Dartford next month.

The 32-week course will cost £500 per person, including the final exam fee, and will run on Tuesday evenings between 7pm-9.30pm.

An exact location has not yet been finalised for the sessions, which are being organised by the HiKent charity which has branches in Medway, Maidstone and Canterbury.

Course co-ordinator Nao-

mi Lemar said: "The Level 2 course enables students to develop their existing skills and the complexity of conversations is developed.

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## Career opportunities at MidKent College

### Earn while you learn!

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding apprentices in the following areas:

**Business Administration**

**Youth Workers**

**Hair Technician**

**Electronic Engineering Technician**

**Job Shop Assistants (Recruitment)**

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who will benefit from gaining their first NVQ Qualification whilst working in a stimulating environment. Successful candidates will work towards the apprenticeship framework including a relevant NVQ Level within their chosen subject area.

Training allowance: £6,314 per annum plus reward bonus upon successful completion of the NVQ Qualification.

**Advert closing date: 12 noon Thursday 18 August 2011**

**Interviews scheduled to begin week commencing 29 August 2011**

**Anticipated start date of employment: 12 September 2011**

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk).

For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine).

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### Marketing and Communications Officer

**Salary: £24,842 - £31,516 per annum (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Medway**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a talented, versatile and experienced communications professional to manage and further develop the College's excellent reputation. Duties will include writing press releases and the internal staff newsletter, handling press enquiries, updating the relevant areas of the College website, some social media and e-Marketing work, and responsibility for certain aspects of the Crisis Management strategy.

### Hourly Paid Lecturers in History and Sociology

**Ref: SE485**

**Hourly Rate: £22.45 - 27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Maidstone**

Sessional lecturers are required to teach on our successful one-year History and/or Sociology A-level courses at Oakwood Park Maidstone. The successful candidates will also be required to teach these subjects at level 3 on our Access to Higher Education Diploma and Youth University Progression qualifications. We are looking, in particular, for someone who is committed to excellence in teaching and has had experience in teaching A-levels. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

### Hourly Paid Lecturer in Catering and Hospitality

**Ref: SE137**

**Hourly Rate: £22.45 - 27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Medway**

We are looking to appoint a passionate individual to teach on a variety of practical catering qualifications, facilitating student learning and achievement. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and have, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

### Hourly Paid Lecturer in Media

**Ref: SE510**

**Hourly Rate: £22.45 - 27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Maidstone**

The successful candidate will contribute to the delivery of Media programmes, providing curriculum tutorial support as required. A Degree or HND in a Media Discipline and a creative attitude coupled with excellent communication skills is essential. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

**Closing date: 12 noon Wednesday 24 August 2011**

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An exciting and challenging new position is available for the post of Senior Teaching and Learning Facilitator.

This person will be responsible for co-ordinating cross-college delivery of GCSE English and Functional Skills

**37 hours per week**  
**Salary: £33,917 to £38,358**

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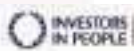
This person will be responsible for co-ordinating cross-college delivery of GCSE Maths and Functional Skills

**37 hours per week**  
**Salary £33,917 to £38,358**

**Closing date for both posts: Wednesday 17 August 2011**

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### LEARNING SUPPORT PRACTITIONERS

The college is looking to recruit a number of Learning Support Practitioners, for various hours, to provide support for students on a 1:1 or group basis and to assist in the assessment of students to determine learning.

*Salary Scale: £14,854 - £15,980 pro rata for various hours,  
38 weeks per year*

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### LECTURER FOR AIR CABIN CREW

A new position is available for the post of Lecturer in Air Cabin Crew.

The successful applicant will be expected to raise aspirations, develop skills and deliver quality across a range of courses in the Business, Admin and Tourism Programme Area.

*Salary Scale: £19,365 - £22,858 for 28 hours per week, all year*

### LEAD LEARNING SUPPORT PRACTITIONER

To lead a team of Learning Support Practitioners in a specific vocational or academic area.

*Salary Scale: £13,941 - £16,474 for 37 hours per week,  
38 weeks per year*

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This post is designed to provide supervision of classes in the absence of the subject teacher or form tutor. The job is not a teaching role but will require good classroom management skills as well as a confident personality, a good presence and excellent communication skills.

Applicants should be well educated, preferably to further education level, and have experience of giving support in the classroom, preferably as a Teaching Assistant, although other qualifications and personal/work experiences will be taken into account.

Employment will start after a one-week paid in-service training course. There will be a six-month probationary period.

8.25am - 3.20pm with 1 hr unpaid breaks, term time only plus 1 staff training day and 25 days paid holiday a year, or as relevant to years of service in a similar post.

Recruitment packs are available from the school or online.

Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form.

**Closing date: Wednesday 31 August 2011**

*Westlands Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*

*This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.*

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## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

### LICENSING ACT 2003

#### The Wingham Recreation Club

We The Wingham Recreation Club Management Committee have applied to Dover District Council to license the above premises to include:- the sale of alcohol between 11:00am and 23:00pm Sun to Thurs and 11:00am and 00:30am Fri and Sat.

To enable the sale of alcohol for extended hours at Bank Holidays and on other limited days as specified in the application.

To enable Regulated Entertainment (as specified in the application) to be provided within the Premises. To enable the provision of hot food and drink after 11.00pm. Full details of the Application can be viewed at the offices of the Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover. ([www.dover.gov.uk](http://www.dover.gov.uk)).

Interested parties or responsible Authorities can make written representations to the Licensing Authority at any time upto 4th September 2011. It is an offence for anyone knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with a Licence Application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5000.00.

**Dated this 8th day of August 2011**

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## PLANNING

### THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

**MA/11/0514/N** - BARN AT GREENWAY COURT FARM, GREENWAY COURT ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT, ME17 1QD - Change of use and conversion of barn to B1 (a) office unit with associated access and parking. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1060/S** - THE RIDGE GOLF CLUB, CHARTWAY STREET, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3JB - Erection of single storey extensions to provide a beer store and two sun rooms, erection of a refuse store, new kitchen doors and hard surfacing for deliveries. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1061/S** - AMBULANCE STATION, LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9QB - Outline application for the erection of 14(no) dwellings and an Ambulance Community Response Post (ACRP) and associated works with access and layout to be considered at this stage and appearance, landscaping and scale reserved for future consideration. **Reason: 6**

**MA/11/1099/S** - PLAIN FARM, FIVE OAK LANE, STAPLEHURST, KENT - Retrospective application for the erection of a side extension to existing farm building. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1130/S** - 23A, HIGH STREET, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NH - First floor extension to existing flat. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/11/1136/S** - 23A, HIGH STREET, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NH - An application for listed building consent for a first floor extension to existing flat including internal alterations. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/1138/S** - LAND ADJACENT TO CLAYGATE DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSE, PATTENDEN LANE, MARDEN, KENT, TN12 9QJ - Erection of 2,716sqm warehouse building and associated landscaping works. **Reason: 6, 9**

**MA/11/1147/N** - 34, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JH - Change of use from A1 (retail) to A5 (hot food takeaway). **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/11/1159/N** - MERRIAMS FARM, CARING LANE, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TJ - Alterations to Hill Barn to form living accommodation renovation/replacement of long barn to form garaging and provision of link, all ancillary to existing dwelling. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1160** - MERRIAMS FARM, CARING LANE, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TJ - An application for listed building consent for alterations to Hill Barn to form living accommodation, renovation/replacement of Long Barn to form garaging and provision of link between buildings. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/1166/N** - KINGS ARMS, THE STREET, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3DR - An application for Listed Building consent for internal alterations. **Reason: 3**

**MA/11/1170/S** - 3, MAXTED CLOSE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0PU - Erection of a rear conservatory. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1181/N** - THE OLD FARMHOUSE, CHATHAM ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 2ND - Erection of 2No. dwellings (Resubmission of MA/10/1418). **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1185/S** - LESTED FARM, PLOUGH WENTS ROAD, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3SA - Variation of condition 4 of permission MA/10/1591 to allow 30% of floorspace to be used for the storage of produce not produced within the administrative boundary of Kent. **Reason: 6**

**MA/11/1201/S** - 62, BOWER LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8ED - Demolition of former Anchor and Hope public house and erection of 3 three bedroom dwellings/houses. **Reason: 1**

**MA/11/1202/N** - KENT MUSIC SCHOOL, ASTLEY HOUSE, HASTINGS ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 7SG - Application for approval of reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission MA/10/0594 (Outline application for residential development with access to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration) seeking approval for the erection of 25 two, three and four bedroom dwellings with associated parking and access roads. **Reason: 6**

**MA/11/1206/S** - CLOTHWORKERS COTTAGE, LOWER ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3BL - Erection of a part single storey part two storey rear extension with roof terrace and provision of new vehicular access and driveway off Lower Road (Resubmission of MA/11/0614). **Reason: 1, 2**

#### Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **28th August 2011**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 14th August 2011



## PLANNING

## Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

**CA/11/00343/FUL: 17A Hollow Street, Chislet, CT3 4DS** Retention of existing building for use as residential bedsit, farm shop and communication centre with associated car park. **Applicant: Gate Lodge Foundation** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/11/00952/FUL: Firwood Court, Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay, CT6 7NN** Conversion of garage to self-contained annexe with single-storey flat roof extension to rear and glazed link to main house. **Applicant: Mrs Amos** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/11/01026/LB: Walnut Tree Cottage, High Street, Fordwich, CT2 0DW** Use of garage as studio/annexe. **Applicant: Ms Taylor** Reason: Setting listed building in conservation area.  
**CA/11/01144/FUL: Land adjacent to Unit 33A Joseph Wilson Industrial Estate, Whitstable, CT5 3PS** Erection of garage to provide ambulance parking and formation of car park. **Applicant: St Johns Ambulance** Reason: Contrary to the development plan.  
**CA/11/01181/FUL: 19 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LJ** Change of use from restaurant (Use Class A3) to hot food take-away (Use Class A5) and replacement shop front. **Applicant: S Miah** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/11/01246/FUL: 57 Sydenham Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HN** Replacement plastic windows to front elevation. **Applicant: Mr A Lambie** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/11/01249/FUL: 1 Cherry Orchard, Chestfield, CT5 3NQ** Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Cheeseman** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/11/01257/FUL: Marsh House, St Peter's Road, Whitstable, CT5 1SU** Extension to and refurbishment of existing flat block to comprise six residential flats. **Applicant: Mr R Probert** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/11/01312/CAC: 3 Providence Place, Sturry Road, Sturry, CT2 0AA** Demolition of single storey building. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Worrell** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.  
**CA/11/01340/FUL: Walnut Tree Cottage, High Street, Fordwich, CT2 0DW** Use of garage as studio/annexe. **Applicant: Ms Taylor** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.control@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.control@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before **Monday 5 September 2011**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

**Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration**  
**Friday 12 August 2011**

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### Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**11/02216/FUL: Freshwater Cranbrook Road, Benenden**  
Variation of condition 4 of TW/06/00490/FUL - To allow use of annexe as a self contained holiday let in addition to uses already granted (LB)

**11/02194/LBC: Brenchley Manor Brenchley Road, Brenchley**  
Listed Building Consent - Removal of the existing roof tiles, carry out minor repairs to roof timbers as necessary, replace tiles with a mixture of salvaged and re-claimed tiles; To include renewal of lead flashings and valley gutters (LB)

**11/02301/HOUSE: Walnut Tree Cottage Brenchley Road, Brenchley**  
Single storey and two storey rear extension and porch (LB)

**11/01190/FULMJ: Tunbridge Wells Garden Centre Eridge Road, Broadwater**  
Use of existing hardstanding area as overflow car park; Demolition of two-storey building and erection of a single-storey extension for The Garden Centre Group (MAJOR) (DEVPLN)

**11/01937/FUL: Strawberry Hill House 65 Broadwater Down, Broadwater**  
Traditionally constructed dwellings comprising 3 No.4-bedroom houses over three floors and 2 No. 2-bed and 1 No. 1-bedroom apartments (CA)

**11/02139/FUL: Land Between Dr Hopes Road & The Hill, Cranbrook and Sissinghurst**  
Dwelling (LB) (CA)

**11/02233/LBC: Loyds Bank House High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**  
Listed Building Consent - Minor internal and external alterations (LB)

**11/01792/HOUSE: 12 St Johns Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**  
Change of use from office (B1) to residential comprising 1 No. two-bedroom flat and 1 No. four-bedroom house with ancillary car parking; Formation of balcony with screen over existing flat roof at rear; Demolish part existing lower ground extension to form small garden to Plot 1; Take out existing window on upper ground floor and install a bay window to Plot 2 (CA)

**11/02229/FUL: Stable Cottage Little Bewl Bridge Farm, Goudhurst**  
Change of use of western part from residential annexe to a holiday let cottage (LB)

**11/02257/HOUSE: Beechurst Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst**  
Demolition of existing chimney and boiler room; Internal alterations; Two storey and single storey rear extensions and relocation of existing utility building with new glazed link (LB)

**11/02258/LBC: Beechurst Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst**  
Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing chimney and boiler room; Internal alterations; Two storey and single storey rear extensions and relocation of existing utility building with new glazed link (LB)

**11/02241/HOUSE: Romford House Kings Toll Road, Pembury**  
Erection of solar panels on free-standing structure (LB)

**11/01929/FULMJ: Unit 3 Longfield Road, Sherwood**  
External alterations to front elevation and change of use of building to gymnastics academy (MAJOR) (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

**Jim Kehoe** Head of Planning Services Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS  
**Dated: 13 August 2011**





**HIGHWAYS – District of Canterbury****SUN STREET, CANTERBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow the safe placement of scaffolding for essential building repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sun Street, Canterbury, on or after 3 September 2011 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 17.

The alternative route for through traffic is via via Burgate, Canterbury Lane, St George's Street, Lower Bridge Street, Broad Street, Military Road, Tourtel Road, Northgate, New Ruttington Lane, Union Place, Union Street, The Borough and Palace Street.

**HIGHWAYS – District of Dover****CHURCH STREET ST MARY'S, SANDWICH  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of ducting works in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Street St Mary's, Sandwich, on or after 30 August 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed either side of the junction with School Road, as signposted on site.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Delf Street and Strand Street.

The alternative routes are

**Northbound** via Delf Street, Harnet Street and Strand Street.

**Southbound** via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, Cattle Market and Delf Street.

**HAROLD PASSAGE, DOVER  
(RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of footway surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting pedestrians on Harold Passage, Dover, on or after 15 August 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

This applies to the section from Maison Dieu Road to the steps at Harold Street.

The alternative route is via Maison Dieu Road, Taswell Street and Harold Street.

**OLD PARK ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED  
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)  
ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Old Park Road, Dover, on or after 20 August 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative routes are

**Northbound** via Crabble Hill, Whitfield Avenue and Brookfield Avenue

**Southbound** via Brookfield Avenue, Pioneer Road and Crabble Hill.

**THE RISE, KINGSDOWN  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Rise, Kingsdown, on or after 15 August 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

**VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Dover, on or after 17 August 2011, as shown below.

**ST DAVID'S AVENUE, AYCLIFFE - between 2 St George's  
Crescent and the junction with St Giles Road**

From 17 August 2011 for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via St George's Crescent and St David's Avenue

**SOUTH MILITARY ROAD, DOVER - between the A20  
Western Heights Roundabout and the junction with Old  
Folkestone Road.**

From 17 August 2011 for 1 day

The alternative route is via A20 Archcliffe Road, Limekiln Street, Snargate Street, York Street, Durham Hill, North Military Road, Centre Road and South Military Road

**BUNKERS HILL, DOVER - between the junctions with  
Bunkers Hill Road and Oswald Road.**

From 22 August for up to 3 days

The alternative route is via Hillside Road, Crabble Ave, Crabble Road and Crabble Hill

**HIGHWAYS – Borough of Gravesham****WHITE POST LANE, CULVERSTONE  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on White Post Lane, Culverstone between Mountfield Close and A227 Wrotham Road.

The Order will become effective on 29th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: White Post Lane, Newlands Lane, A227 Gravesend Road and A227 Wrotham Road.

**HIGHWAYS – Borough of Maidstone****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(CARING LANE, THURNHAM)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Caring Lane outside number 23 on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Caring Road, Otham Lane, A20 Ashford Road.

Stevens Construction Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new manhole to connect to the sewer. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Barry Stevens on 01892 730634.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(WATER LANE, THURNHAM)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Water Lane on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Pilgrims Way, Thurnham Lane, The Street.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for drainage improvement. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

**HIGHWAYS – District of Sevenoaks****NORTH ASH ROAD (REDHILL ROAD), ASH CUM RIDLEY  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on North Ash Road (Redhill Road), Ash Cum Ridley.

The Order will become effective on 15th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Hartley Bottom Road, Pease Hill, The Street and Ash Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching.

**HIGHWAYS – District of Shepway****SCHOOL ROAD, ACRISE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains renewal works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on School Road, Acrise, on or after 16 August 2011 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Coach Road and Pay Street.

The alternative route is via Coach Road and Pay Street.

**HIGHWAYS – District of Swale****DAVINGTON HILL, FAVERSHAM  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Davington Hill, Faversham, on or after 1 September 2011.

The Start Date is approximate and follows on from completion of the works in Priory Road and will be notified to residents and by signage on site.

The works are planned for up to 4 weeks from once they start.

Davington Hill will be closed between the junctions with Dark Hill / West Street and Brent Hill.

The alternative route is via Dark Hill, Priory Road and Davington Road.

**GROVE PLACE, FAVERSHAM  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Place, Faversham, on or after 29 August 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with the A2 London Road and Grove Close.

The alternative route is via A2 Ospringe Street, B2040 Ospringe Road, Lower Road and Wallers Road.

**SEASALTER ROAD, GRAVENEY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seasalter Road, Graveney, on or after 3 September 2011, as shown below.

The road will be closed from the property known as Fairview for a distance of approximately 40 metres northwards.

It is planned there will be 2 weekend closures of Seasalter Road on 3 & 4 September and 10 & 11 September 2011.

The alternative route is via Faversham Road (note 11' 6" height restriction), Joy Lane, Borstal Hill, Thanet Way, Head Hill and Head Hill Road.

This Order is in force for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

**WHITSTABLE ROAD, GRAVENEY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

So that the connection point for a new water mains can be safely located, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whitstable Road, Graveney, on or after 30 August 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The A299 Thanet Way off-slip will be closed to westbound traffic at the junction with Whitstable Road.

This means there will be no access for traffic from the A299 Thanet Way into Whitstable Road.

The alternative route is via A2 Canterbury Road, B2040 Love Lane and Whitstable Road.

Traffic can still enter the A299 from Whitstable Road.

**HIGHWAYS –  
Borough of Tonbridge & Malling****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(CHURCH ROAD, OFFHAM)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Church Road, Offham on or after Tuesday 16th August 2011 when required for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A20 London Road, Seven Mile Lane, Teston Road.

UK Power Networks and BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to provide a new service and renew a telegraph pole. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact for UKPN is Scott Davis on 01732 783986 and for BT is Sam Ransley on 01795 420084.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(DEAKIN LEAS, TONBRIDGE)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Deakin Leas between Baltic Road and Pembury Road on or after Monday 15th August 2011 when required for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Baltic Road, The Drive, Pembury Road.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(THE HEATH, EAST MALLING)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on The Heath outside number 60 on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Pikey Lane, Broadwater Road, Clare Lane, Mill Street, High Street, Chapel Street, Wateringbury Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

**For further information, please contact  
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on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
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**HIGHWAYS –  
Borough of Tunbridge Wells**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(GLASSENbury ROAD, CRANBROOK)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Glassenbury Road from outside Bull Farm Oast for 64m north on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Turnden Lane and A229 Hartley Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for reinstatement of the road surface, deep planing and machine laying of the road. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Roshith Ahamed on 01634 276375.

Katherine Kerswell  
Group Managing Director  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 14th August 2011

For further information, please contact  
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## BIRTHS

### BAILEY

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28th July, 2011, weighing  
8lb 7oz. Daughter to Thomas  
and Jaime and sister to  
Tallulah in Minster.

### BRACK

Paul and Claire Brack  
celebrate the birth of their  
son Leon Paul Brack on  
18th July, 2011, weighing 8lb.

### BUNYAN

Clare and Marcus are proud  
to announce the birth of their  
daughter Poppy Lyra who  
was born on 8th July, 2011,  
weighing 7lb 10oz. Much  
loved granddaughter and  
baby sister to Angel Sophie,  
who will watch down on you  
for always. xxx

### CHATFIELD

Sarajayne and Richard are  
pleased to announce the  
birth of their beautiful son  
Marcus John Chatfield, born  
on the 26th July, 2011.

### FROST

Neil and Michelle celebrate  
the birth of their daughter  
Phoebe Alice Frost on 22nd  
July, 2011, sister to Isla.

### KRAUSE-SMITH

Jenson Gary Krause-Smith  
born on 18th July, 2011,  
weighing 8lb 7oz. Son to  
Gary Smith and Gina  
Krause. You are the miracle  
we will love and treasure  
forever.

### LANE

Paul and Jo are delighted to  
announce the birth of Harmony  
Rose Lane who was born on  
22nd July, 2011. Big sister Grace  
is thrilled to have a baby sister  
and enjoys singing to her. X

### MANKTELOW

Emma Webster and  
Christopher Manktelow  
celebrate the birth of their  
daughter Rosie Manktelow  
on 16th July, 2011, weighing  
6lb 15oz.

### SEXTON

Stephanie Katerina born on  
22nd July, 2011, weighing 7lb.  
Daughter to Edmund and  
Hana Sexton in Dartford.

### SHEPHERD

Sara and Gary of Ramsgate are  
delighted to announce the birth  
of their son Benjamin George  
Shepherd, born on 2nd August,  
2011, at William Harvey  
Hospital, Ashford. You are the  
miracle who we will love and  
treasure forever.

### WILKINSON

Marie and Ian of Ramsgate are  
delighted to announce the birth  
of their son Max Wilkinson,  
born on 24th July, 2011, at  
QEQM Hospital. Our most  
beautiful and precious son.

## DEATHS

### BANNISTER

We are sad to announce the  
sudden death of Lisa  
Elizabeth Bannister who died  
on 31st July, 2011. She will be

greatly missed by all her  
children and grandchildren  
and all who knew her. Rest in  
peace. Caroline, Danny,  
Candice, Louie and April.  
xxxxx

### BERGMAN

In memory of Doris "Dolly  
Dumpling" Bergman  
1925-2011. Loving sister,  
wife, mother and aunt. Gone  
but not forgotten. In our  
hearts forever.

### COX

Our wonderful mum and nan  
Lilian Violet passed away on  
the 1st August, 2011, aged  
90 years, and will be missed  
and loved forever. Lin, Trev  
and their families. X

### PRICE

Michael Price of Elham,  
formerly of Folkestone, passed  
away suddenly on the 1st  
August, 2011, aged 48 years.  
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they are forgotten! And to live  
in the hearts of those left  
behind is to live forever!

### SCOTT

Joseph Scott of Faversham  
passed away on 3rd August,  
2011. Enquiries to  
Co-operative Funeralcare,  
Faversham, 01795 532498.

### TILEY

Gary Tiley Senior of Margate  
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**VILLAGE GREENS -  
IN THE DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY****NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY****COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)****APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND KNOWN AS  
GRASMERE PASTURES AT WHITSTABLE AS A TOWN OR  
VILLAGE GREEN**

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector has been appointed by the Kent County Council to hold a non-statutory Public Inquiry into the above application and will attend at:

Whitstable Castle, Tower Hill, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2BW  
On Monday 5th September 2011 at 10.00am

To hold a public local inquiry into the application

A copy of the Inspector's directions setting out the procedure to be followed for the submission of evidence and the format that the Public Inquiry will take is available on the County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/villagegreens](http://www.kent.gov.uk/villagegreens).

Any person wishing to attend the Public Inquiry to give evidence who is not already being called as a witness by one of the parties, must notify the County Council of his intention to do so, and provide a signed and dated written statement setting out the substance of his evidence no later than 4pm on Wednesday 24th August 2011.

For further enquiries, please contact Miss Melanie McNeir on 01622 221628.

**PROW - DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS****NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF  
KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR736,  
RIVERHEAD)****DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order was made on 28 July 2011 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding Public Footpath SR736 which commences on Maidstone Road. At this point there is a set of staggered barriers. The path runs in a southerly direction for 39.5 metres (between the Points A-B-C-D), then south south-easterly thence east north-easterly for 32.5 metres (between the Points D-E-F). Between the Points E-F there is a connection to Church Field. The path then continues to run in a south south-easterly direction for 20.5 (between the Points F-G-H). The path continues in a south south-easterly direction, thence west south-westerly direction for 11.0 metres to its connection with St Mary's Church Yard (between the Points H-J). Please see Part II of the Order Schedule for the Schedule of widths.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Sevenoaks District Council, PO Box 183, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Laura Wilkins at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 27 September 2011. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

**PROW - District of Shepway****NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH HL9 (PART)  
IN THE PARISH OF LYDD****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH HL9 (PART))****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1)  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath HL9 (part) from Dungeness Road to the junction with Public Footpath HL8 (NGR TR 070 201) from 1st August 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Dungeness Road, Kerton Road and Public Footpath HL8. Please note that access to the RSPB bird observation hide to the north east of Dungeness Road, adjacent to Public Footpath HL9, will remain open.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Edward Denne

**PROW - Borough of Tonbridge and Malling****NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH MT2****IN THE PARISH OF HILDENBOROUGH****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MT2)****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14 (1)  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath MT2 (Old Cock Footbridge) at the junction with Public Footpath MT23 (NGR TQ 552 498) and the junction with Public Footpath MT9 (NGR TQ 550 498) from the 26th August 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 10th September 2011.

The path is to be closed because there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michele Snoding

**PROW - BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS****NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF  
KENT****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH WC75  
(PART) CRANBROOK)****DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order was made on 28 July 2011 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath WC75 which commences at NGR TQ 7896 3765 (Point A), 172 metres north north east of its connection with the A262 and runs in a northerly direction to the western side of the boundary. After 24 metres the path crosses an east-west boundary (Point X, NGR TQ 7896 3767) and continues to run to the western side of the boundary in a north through north easterly direction for 113 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC75 at NGR TQ 7897 3778 (Point B) and adding that length of Public Footpath WC75 which commences at NGR TQ 7896 3765 (Point A), 172 metres north north east of its connection with the A262 and runs in a northerly direction for 25 metres. At this point the path crosses the east-west boundary (Point Y, NGR TQ 7897 3767) and continues to run in a northerly

direction to the eastern side of the boundary for 109 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC75 at NGR TQ 7897 3778 (Point B). The Footpath has a width of 2.0 metres except at NGR TQ 7897 3770 (Point Z) where the width decreases to 1.8 metres for a distance of 1.0 metres.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at The Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 2AB or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Laura Wilkins at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 27 September 2011. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

**Countryside Access Service  
Kent County Council  
Invicta House  
County Hall  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME14 1XX**

**Dated: 14th August 2011**

*The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats*

**For further information, please contact  
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# Life's a stage

The manager of the Memorial Theatre in Broadstairs tells **Ed Hill** of his drive to steer the venue and its resident Sarah Thorne Theatre Club to success in a tough climate

**M**ICHAEL Wheatley-Ward is a man used to the ups and downs of showbusiness, so he knew that creating a new theatre would not be an easy task. After managing the Theatre Royal Margate for 20 years, he wanted to be involved with shows he knew would attract an audience.

He said: "The Theatre Royal was taken over by the council and they decided to change the programming policy to involve more work with the community.

"That meant the staff were made redundant. I decided that I wanted to find a theatre to put on plays that I felt people would want to watch."

Fortunately, an ideal venue was available at the Hilderstone Education Centre in Broadstairs. In its grounds stands the 192-seat Memorial Theatre... and the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club was born.

Wheatley-Ward said: "I was shown the theatre by KCC Adult Education Services. We struck a deal where I am able to use the theatre at weekends and holidays.

"I asked my former staff from the Theatre Royal to help and we opened up. Since then we have not looked back."

The theatre club is named after Sarah Thorne, a Victorian actress and theatre manager who spent many years managing the Theatre Royal.

Thorne came from a long line of actors and actresses. She set up the world's first drama school and managed the Georgian playhouse until her death in 1899.

Michael said: "She was a formidable lady – a kind of Margaret Thatcher of the theatre. She ran it in a commercial way, rather like myself."



The theatre club works in partnership with Michael Friend Productions to stage professional productions.

"He [Michael Friend] directs the plays and casts the actors, but we all muck in to make sure it works. We make the sets and design the lighting," said Wheatley-Ward.

For four years they have been producing a summer repertory theatre programme.

"The productions are virtually self-financing – some of the plays that are staged here will go on tour. For example, we will tour as an outdoor performance at venues owned by the National Trust. Others will go to theatres around the country."

This year's season has already featured *Pygmalion*, by George Bernard Shaw, and *Barefoot In The Park*, by Neil Simon, while still to come are *Confusions*, by Alan Ayckbourne (Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14), and *The Mysterious Mr Love*, by Karoline Leach (Thursday to Sunday, August 18-21).

Wheatley-Ward is keen that the theatre should be as self-sustaining as possible, with a



**INCREASED SALES:** Michael Wheatley-Ward says he wants every show the Memorial Theatre stages to make a profit



## PLAYERS:

The Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, named after the legendary Victorian actress, works in partnership with Michael Friend Productions to stage professional works

The professional repertory season is the only one in the South East. The actors rehearse the four plays intensively before opening night.

Wheatley-Ward said: "The actors love doing it because it really helps them hone their skills. If you can do rep work well, you can do anything."

The theatre will also stage new writing when it can, provided it does not damage its profits in the long run, and it is hoped in the future it will be run as part of a trust and have an educational element.

"We are working closely with adult education and local councillors to ensure we continue our work here," said Wheatley-Ward. "I am keen to set up an apprentice theatre management course. It has to be a practical. I did an apprenticeship like that and we need to pass that experience on."

The impresario is optimistic about the future.

"We felt Broadstairs was crying out for live theatre and productions that would suit local audiences. I think repertory theatre is making a comeback – people are getting bored with what is on the TV."

"We have actually increased our sales during a recession, which is amazing. We even have people coming down from London because they like the idea of watching a summer repertory company. I want every show that I stage at this theatre to make a working profit."

■ For shows at the Memorial Theatre, visit [www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](http://www.sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk)

minimal reliance on grants.

He said: "I am unashamedly commercial about what we put on. If you do that, you won't have problems filling a theatre like this. We stage popular dramas, classical concerts and this year we are also resurrecting a pantomime."

"Between those shows we hire out the theatre to people who might want to use it for dance classes and other amateur groups. We also offer cheaper tickets for certain productions to help fund-raise for local causes. We really are a true community theatre. We have been fully backed by Broadstairs Town Council. They have even given us a grant so we could buy equipment."

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**F**OR the sixth year running, almost a third of primary school children in Kent have failed to meet national standards in English and maths.

While an increase has been seen in the number of children achieving the expected SATs level four benchmark year on year – with the exception of 2009 – the county's results continue to be lower than average when compared to national figures.

Education experts have been left baffled as to why, in a county where secondary pupils excel each year, primaries continuously fall behind.

The latest Department for Education figures showed that nationally 74 per cent of key stage two pupils – aged 7-11 – reached the expected level in English and maths this year.

In Kent Council Council schools, however, only 72 per cent achieved the anticipated results.

Despite this being an increase on the 70 per cent seen last year, the figure still remains lower than the UK average, which failed to budge between 2010 and 2011.

Broken down into English, maths, reading and writing, the county is exposed yet again as falling behind.

For English SATs, 79 per cent achieved level four or above, while nationally the figure was 81 per cent; in maths it was 79 per cent for Kent and 80 per cent nationally; reading 82 per cent in comparison to 84 per cent nationally; and writing 73 per cent compared to England's 75 per cent.

In Medway 76 per cent achieved level four or above in English; 74 per cent in maths; 79 per cent for reading; and 70 per cent for writing. Only 67 per cent reached the expected levels in maths and English.

Although the number of primary pupils in Kent achieving the expected benchmark is increasing each year, the Government figures paint a bleak picture when compared to secondary schools, which consistently perform above the national average in GCSEs.

But KCC cabinet member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Sarah Hohler, was positive about improvements. She said: "I am pleased with the improvement in key stage two results this year which is undoubtedly due to the commitment of our headteachers and their staff."

"During the last academic year we piloted a new way of working in partnership with our schools and we intend to build upon this in a new approach called Kent Challenge in 2011-12."

"We will be working on a partnership approach with a number of schools to support their school improvement priorities in the next year. This approach will not only

support the improvement of key stage two results in the short term but will also make sure there will be sustainability of improvement in the long term."

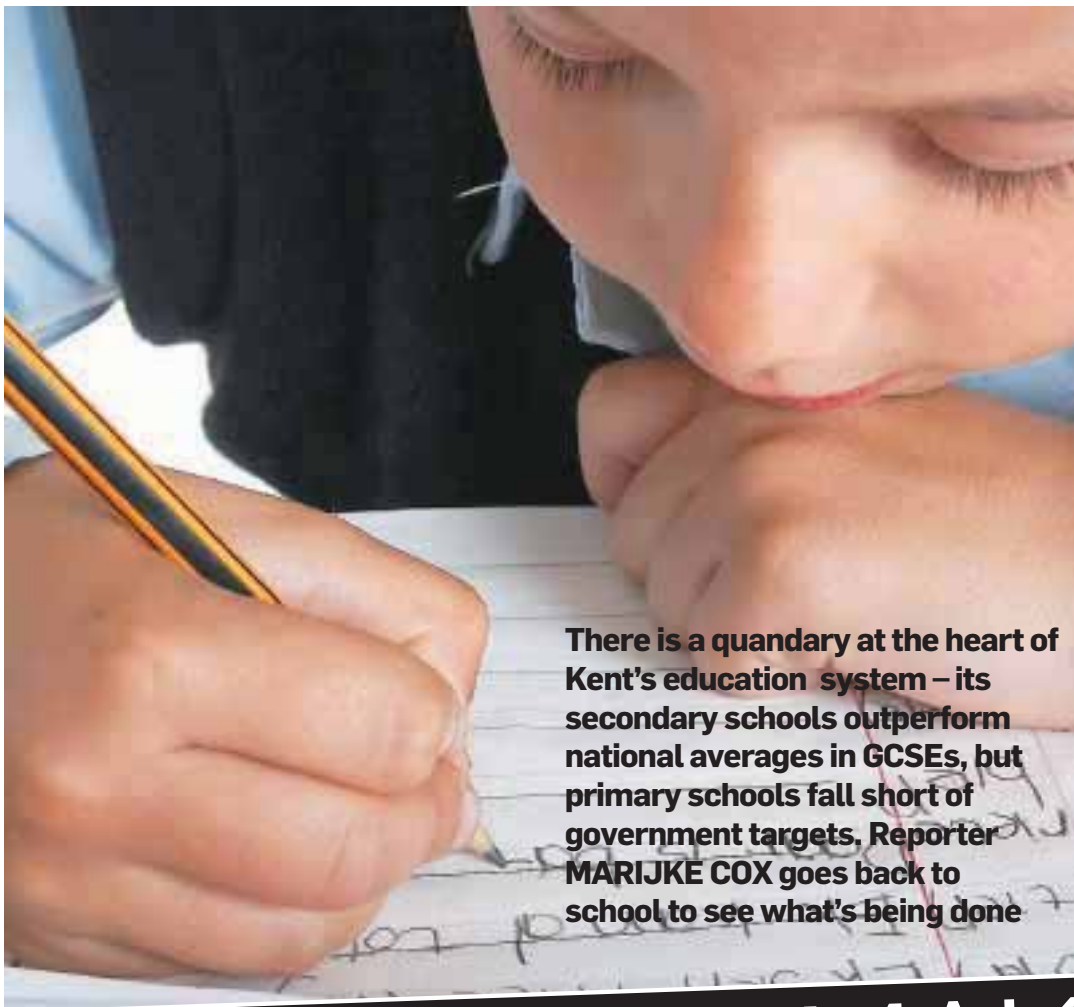
She added: "KCC will continue to support and challenge primary schools to be the best they can be. That support, combined with the improvements we are seeing from pre-school education, should see children continue to improve at key stage two in the years to come."

SATs exams, which are taken by primary pupils before they move to secondary school, have sparked controversy in the past, with some education experts calling for them to be axed.

A recent report led by celebrity mathematician Carol Vorderman, commissioned by the Tories, recommended that maths SATs be scrapped. She claimed they narrowed teaching to focus on the tests due to pressure of league tables and could have an adverse affect by decreasing mathematical standards.

A primary school teacher told the authors of the report, which was led by Ms Vorderman, that schools were limited in what they could teach in maths due to SATs.

"We have to practise the strategy because that is what the local authority and Ofsted will want to see. In primary schools we have to work towards



**There is a quandary at the heart of Kent's education system – its secondary schools outperform national averages in GCSEs, but primary schools fall short of government targets. Reporter MARIJKE COX goes back to school to see what's being done**

# STRUGGLE TO MAKE THE SCHOOL GRADE

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**We are unable to move away from a very rigid and at times boring curriculum. A school is not judged on whether children are inspired; it is judged on league tables.**

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER,  
QUOTED BY CAROL VORDERMAN'S  
TORY EDUCATION REPORT

key stage two tests which mean we are unable to move away from a very rigid and at times boring curriculum. A school is not judged on whether children are inspired; it is judged on league tables.

"I am passionate about making children enjoy their education but am told by Ofsted and the government how and what to teach."

Director of policy and campaigns at NAHT, the Association for All School Leaders, Kathryn James, said teaching to get results for school league tables was wrong.

"It gives a false impression to parents of a school's achievements, it constrains imaginative and inspirational teaching and most damning of all, it fails our pupils and our future workforce," she said.

Other education chiefs and those working in the industry questioned the need for SATs.

Education expert Susan Young, who specialises in early years teaching, said: "I'd like to know how realistic the expected level is, especially given that once upon a time it was the average level – which is an entirely different thing."

"Is 100 per cent of the cohort the only result any Government will accept – which may be impossible – or is there a more realistic target?

"However, whether average or expected, if 11-year-olds need level four achievements in order to function in the secondary school environment, then every stop needs to be pulled out to help them. And this is where a bit more transparency would be useful. How many of the children who don't achieve level four have English as an additional language? How long have they been in their current school? How long have they been in the UK?"

"How large are the classes in the schools with higher and smaller numbers of high achievers? None of this information would be to excuse schools from doing their jobs, which is to create the best possible outcomes for all pupils, but it would give us all a bit more context to work in."

"We could learn more about schools which are doing brilliantly against the odds, and perhaps use their experience and methods to help that group of kids who fall short of level four across the board."

Last years SATs exams were thrown in the spotlight when the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Headteachers led a protest against the controversial exams, with 24 Kent schools boycotting the controversial exams.

**STUDY:** KCC education chiefs hope the planned Kent Challenge will help improve the county's primary schools

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**HIDDEN:** Tunnels known as Dumpy, found below the Dover Castle tunnels, are not open to the public

## Photo book explores our Cold War bunkers

By Nick Ames

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WORLD-RENOWNED cameraman Nick Catford is widely considered to be the most accomplished subterranean photographer working today, specialising in sites of Cold War, military and industrial archaeological interest.

His latest work, Cold War Bunkers, is the third volume in a series of photographic records of Britain's underground heritage.

The volume contains approximately 450 photographs and in many instances Mr Catford, from Swanley, has been granted unprecedented access to highly sensitive sites in order to compile the collection of images reproduced in this book.

It is a photographic overview of all the underground, semi-underground and surface-built Cold War nuclear bunkers built in the British Isles to protect central, regional and local government, military organisations, the Royal Observer Corps, and public utilities against Soviet Union attack between 1946-89.

The threat of a nuclear strike from the Eastern Bloc has mercifully long since faded and almost all the structures abandoned. Some have been demolished, others vandalised or turned into store rooms.

A private shelter in the garden of a home in Pluckley is featured in the book, along with a Royal Observer Corps bunker in the grounds of Ashmore House, Maidstone. Another series of pictures show a control



**BELOW:** The entrance to the private shelter in Pluckley

centre for water supplies built within a disused covered reservoir close to Gillingham.

But possibly the most important site uncovered is a network of tunnels under Dover Castle, immediately below those currently open to the public.

The sealed-off area, accessed via a lift and stairwell is code-named Dumpy.

The tunnels were constructed in 1941 and supplemented those already in existence from the Napoleonic War. They were meant to be used as a joint services headquarters for Army, Navy and RAF units guarding the Channel.

But in 1962 they were converted to a Regional Seat of Government in the event of a nuclear strike on the UK – in effect southern England would have been governed from within the tunnels.

In Kent, this was originally located at Hawkenbury, near Tunbridge Wells. But the Government decided these 'rooms'

would not be suitable for a drawn-out recovery period, and so the network was reorganised. The abandoned tunnels beneath Dover Castle were considered ideal.

The Regional Seat of Government was to be controlled by a cabinet minister, with a staff of service personnel and civilian administrators helping to restore civilisation.

Dumpy level housed the offices, whilst another level – Annexe – was converted into barracks and mess halls.

British intelligence reports in November, 1967, claimed that the USSR was believed to be targeting Dover with two, three megaton nuclear weapons and two, one megaton bombs.

This is the equivalent of more than 600 of the bombs dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in World War Two.

Doomsday rehearsals and civil defence training were regularly carried out during the 1960s, but the 1970s saw a shift in building policy, placing most of the key facilities in purpose-built structures.

As a result little work was done on the tunnels. Any plans for rebuilding were halted when it was realised that the porous chalk offered little protection against contaminated, radioactive rainwater flowing down from the ground above.

In 1984 they were declassified and given to English Heritage. Two levels – Casemate and Annexe are open to the public, but Dumpy remains sealed.

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# Marinades help us spice up family dinner times

**D**EV Biswal's Ambrette restaurant in Margate has been acclaimed for its approach to Indian food. Now the chef is giving home cooks the chance to sample some of its magic.

He said: "I wanted to bring Eastern culinary techniques into everyday English cuisine and encourage people cooking at home to add more flavour to their meat and fish."

The chef, who grew up in Calcutta, has launched a range of Premier Marinades which he uses in the restaurant.

He said: "Marinading is typically Eastern. In regional Indian cuisine it is common to marinate fish, poultry and meat before cooking."

The jars are a far cry from the normal curry sauces bought off the supermarket shelf.

The chef said: "They embody the spirit of the Ambrette restaurant. We don't really serve your normal curry here. It is all about using subtle flavours."

The Ambrette's reputation has grown. It was recently voted the 12th best restaurant in the country by the Top Table website, listed just behind The Savoy.

Dev wanted to move on from the traditions of the British curry house.

He said: "A lot of Indian cuisine in the UK is locked in a time bubble. Indian cooking is more than just chicken tikka masala. The type of food we serve is what someone would expect at a high-end restaurant in India. It is about new flavours and textures and adventurous food – a fine dining experience."

Dev has also built his reputation by using local produce, which he considers as some of the best available. He is doing a tour of farm shops and delicatessens in the county, showing how the marinades can be used.

He said: "I was at Quex Park in Birchington. I had pans with chicken, lamb and fish so people could sample the food. It was a huge success – we sold everything we had that day."

"The demonstrations work really well

**Ed Hill** meets the top chef who's helping us to create some truly delicious Indian dishes in our own kitchens



**TASTY:** Dev Biswal's new Premier Marinade range is on sale now

introducing people to the product."

The marinades are currently stocked in 20 outlets around the county. A 250ml jar retails at about £3.95.

Dev said: "They are very versatile and can be used with roasts, pan-fries and barbecues. I have come up with various recipe ideas, too. For

example, with the chicken marinade, you can add coconut milk to make a beautiful creamy sauce. That turns it into something exotic."

A pork marinade will soon be available and the chef, who hopes to open more restaurants in the county, is looking into recipes for turkey.  
• See <http://marinades.biswalfoods.com>

## On the right track for a tasty curry – just remember to book

LOCATION is a key factor to success, so anything off the beaten track has to work hard to get customers.

Which means Krishna Restaurant in Whitstable is definitely doing something right. Sited on Old Bridge Road opposite the station, the outside doesn't look too promising and the only view is of trains pulling in and out of the platform.

We reserved a table, having been disappointed before – if you turn up on a Friday night after having a few pints, you are likely to be turned away. The place will be packed.

Our meal began with an introductory small glass of spicy soup designed to ready the taste buds for what was to follow.

Heading straight for the main course, I ordered the kesri chicken korma (£7.75). The chicken came in a gravy of cashew nuts and saffron. Gravy is

### RESTAURANT Review



the optimum word here. Unlike many restaurants, the food does not come swilling in a mass of heavy ghee but in rich, tasty, thin sauces.

For my partner the choice was even better. As a vegetarian she was grateful to have a range of dishes that looked like they had been made with veggies in mind. Her subz paneer ki makhani

(£6.45) contained tropical vegetables, homemade cottage cheese, tomato and fenugreek, a nice change from the usual vegetable korma, which contains so much potato that you can't help but feel you're being ripped off.

Along with the main courses, we had rice with cumin seeds and saffron and two delicately-thin naan breads and a side dish called avial (£4.25).

This again contained those tropical vegetables. (To be honest, I don't know what they were, but they tasted good.) They came simmered in coconut milk with mustard seeds and curry leaves.

I would advise anyone dining here not to go overboard with the rice. The sauces are so delicious that by the time you have mopped them up with your bread you will resemble a plump aubergine, a vegetable that also features heavily on the menu. In fact,

we had tucked into our sauces so keenly that a dessert was out of the question. Instead we opted for two mango lassis (a kind of yoghurt smoothie), an ideal way to end the meal on a warm night.

All this came to less than £40, including a couple of pints of Cobra and a large mineral water.

So for anyone who wants a curry with a bit of a difference, I would recommend popping down to the Krishna. And if you get bored by the conversation, you can always watch the tired and weary commuters getting off the train and revel in the fact you are not one of them.

**Ed Hill**

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#### Penshurst

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#### Egerton

EGERTON farmers' market has now been trading every Friday from 2pm to 4.30pm for almost five years, with most of the original stallholders still selling at the market in the Millennium Hall, which is extremely popular with both local producers and consumers.

#### Meopham

MEOPHAM farmers' market has been operating since July 2004 in the overflow car park of the Meopham fitness and tennis centre, the site of the school, library and doctors' surgery on the first Sunday of the month from 9am to 12.30pm.

#### Mersham

FEATURING top-quality produce from the immediate rural area, the new market that is now held at the Farriers Arms, Mersham Forstal, takes place between 2.30pm and 6.30pm on every second and fourth Friday of the month.

#### Sissinghurst

THIS market is located in the ancient Elizabethan Barn, next to the Granary restaurant within the famous Sissinghurst National Trust site on the second Monday of every month, when the gardens are open between midday and 3pm.

#### Iwade

IWADE village hall first opened its very popular farmers' market in February 2009 and it takes place on the first Sunday of the month from 10am until 1pm, offering fresh seasonal local produce at competitive prices.

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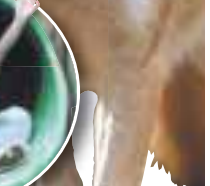
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# See the horizon on a safari adventure

By Joe Bill

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If you're looking for adventure this summer, then why not try a day out on the seas with environmentally-friendly boating group Horizon Sea Safaris?

The group, based at the royal harbour in Ramsgate, is offering discounts for children and large groups this summer.

Horizon offers numerous powerboat experiences, harbour trips, wildlife-watching and tours of Kent's beautiful waters to its guests, with special discounts for youngsters under the age of 16.

One tour offers animal enthusiasts the chance to head out on the 10-seat speedboat to the Goodwin Sands to catch a glimpse of seals at play in their natural habitat.

The specially-trained team works closely with the UK's leading marine-mammal rescue charity, British Divers Marine Life Rescue, and encourages an ethos of conservation by education.

The company was founded by Janice Denyer and Jon Brooks.

Having started sailing in their teens, the sea has never been far from their lives. Living close to the harbour, they have gained extensive knowledge of both the area's wildlife and its history, which they are keen to share on the tours.

Team-members are also trained as marine-mammal medics and are regularly involved in wildlife rescues and helping to monitor wildlife off the coast of Thanet.

Priding itself on the safety of its trips, Horizon also specialises in offshore support and safety-



boat cover for Kent's sporting events and commercial requirements.

Other interesting tours that Horizon will be offering this summer include powerboat trips to the Stour estuary to catch a glimpse of even more playful mammals. For the historians

among you, there are tours of the Kentish Flats windfarm and the Second World War forts in the English Channel.

This weekend the group will be taking part in the Monster Bass Festival in Ramsgate, offering tours and encounters with

wonderful wildlife. On Wednesday the team will also be appearing at the Broadstairs Water Gala.

See [www.horizonsafaris.com](http://www.horizonsafaris.com) for more information about prices and the range of trips available; alternatively, phone 07931 744788.



**SEA HERE:** Wildlife-lovers can see seals, while history is catered for with a trip around the Second World War forts in the Channel, with lots of other treats in between during a Horizon sea safari

## A whole world of animals and farming is ready to be enjoyed

FAMILIES and countryside fans have the chance to meet a host of animals at Farming World this summer.

Some of the brilliant animal attractions at the venue near Faversham include Gloucester Old Spot pigs, heavy horses, Shetland ponies, llamas, alpacas, Soay sheep and pygmy goats... and they are all looking forward to meeting some new friends during the school holidays.

The team at Farming World is offering added performances and events at the park on several days throughout August, with no extra cost to the entrance price.

On Wednesday, Dizzy Lolly will stoke up some fun, games and probably mayhem on the farm in Boughton.

Then, on Friday, youngsters can meet spiders and a variety of reptiles while talking to experts about how these creatures live during Creepy Crawly Day.

Wednesday, August 24, is for the circus workshops, where you can learn to spin plates, use a Diablo and



**BAA!** Soay sheep are among the many animals at Farming World

carry out other fantastic feats.

Goldilocks and three mischievous bears will be wandering about the farm on Friday, August 26, as part of the Teddy Bears' Picnic day fun and games. Don't forget to bring your teddy bear to join in the fun!

Animal Day on Saturday, August 27, offers an opportunity to see some of Farming World's animals at close quarters and learn more about them.

You may even have the opportunity to say hello to the newest additions to the farm, a litter of micro-pigs.

Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday, August 27-29, is Harvest And Threshing Weekend, when visitors can watch the tradition of wheat being harvested and threshed in the fields surrounding Farming World. Watch the vintage tractors gathering the harvest and the unique Davidson threshing machine cut the wheat.

While at the farm, don't forget to have a game of mini-golf, play on the large adventure play areas, jump on the inflatable pillows, make a souvenir to take home in the craft and activity room, play hide-and-seek in the indoor soft-play area and take a tractor and trailer ride.

For more details of all of these events, visit [www.farming-world.com](http://www.farming-world.com) or phone 01227 751144.

Farming World is open seven days a week, from 9.30am to 5.30pm, until the end of October. Adult tickets are £6, while those for children aged three to 15 cost £5.

## Take a swing at something new

IS your child a budding Rory McIlroy? Or are you in search of something new for them to do during the school holidays?

Canterbury Golf Club is offering youngsters the chance to come and use the driving range at its beautiful Scotland Hills course.

The club, on Littlebourne Road, is offering children the chance to practise with quality range-balls and power tees and even have lessons with professionals.

The GolfMark-accredited club runs an academy for aspiring young players, founded on the approach that every individual has an unlimited and unique potential.

On their website, Canterbury Golf Club says it is committed to helping coach players of all skill levels, ranging from beginners to elite amateurs, and has developed a unique approach to instruction that is not bogged down in club angles, arm positions and swings.

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**TEE OFF:** Kick start your child's love of golf at Canterbury Golf Club

fulfil your potential."

The club focuses on six elements to the game rather than just the technical side – these elements include physical, mental, emotional and social and love of the game.

If you are interested in becoming a member or have a child looking to start a new sport, there is more information at [www.canterburygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.canterburygolfclub.co.uk); alternatively, phone 01227 453532.



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## The Olive Tree Ramada Dover

### Why here...

Friday night is Spice Night at The Olive Tree restaurant. For connoisseurs of Indian food, this is a night not to be missed. Spice Night features live cooking, with a pianist playing background music.

### On the menu...

Spice Night offers an 'Eat All You Can' Indian buffet, with an extensive range of food. A range of main courses is available on the buffet, including lamb Hyderabadi and butter chicken masala.

### How to book...

The Olive Tree Restaurant, Ramada Hotel Dover, Singledge Lane, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3EL phone: 01304 872845 reservations@ramadadover.co.uk

# Never before have we had such choice

**N**EW foods, flavours and cooking techniques are just some of the benefits of our British multicultural society. With new nationalities come new dishes and, inevitably, new restaurants.

A quick glance at the rolling hills of the North Downs, or the streets of the county's historic towns or quaint seaside resorts, and you could be forgiven for thinking that the only meal you could get is either a very British roast dinner or traditional fish and chips. You would be wrong.

Long gone are the days when an exotic meal out consisted of two choices... Chinese or Indian.

Kent is now blessed with a diverse range of foreign foods, including Mexican, Nepalese, Thai, Italian, French, Greek or

even Russian restaurants.

Never before have so many nationalities had the traditional foods of their heritage available to us all.

And that means that never before have there been so many options from which diners can choose.

The best thing for chefs in all of Kent's restaurants, no matter what nationality, is the range of local produce that can be harvested and used for so many wonderful dishes.

From the classically-British fisherman's pie to the exotic and spicy king-prawn madras, from the gravy-covered roast beef to the chilli chicken fajita, Kent has both the ingredients and the know-how for all.

But just in case you are worried by the range of choices available or you just can't choose which continent to try out, here are six of the best.



## Romney Spice New Romney

### Why here...

This classic Indian restaurant has been in business for 12 years and has an excellent local reputation. Priding itself on quality, the restaurant has been awarded a place in the Good Eating Guide.

### On the menu...

There is a party-deal special from Monday to Wednesday set at £11.50 per person for groups of six or more. A banqueting special from Sunday to Thursday includes a four-course meal for £11.95.

### How to book...

Taste of the Raj, High Street, New Romney TN28 8AU phone: 01797 361 000 www.romneyspice.com



## Chiquito Westwood Cross

### Why here...

Chiquito has a lively party atmosphere at weekends, with fantastic set menus throughout the week. There are classic Mexican options for either a quick, delicious lunch from £5.99, or two courses from the evening menu priced at £9.99, both offering great value for money. Chiquito also caters for children and offers a full children's menu at £4.99 for a

main meal, as well as a drink and dessert option.

### On the menu...

Chiquito's famous nachos are perfect for sharing, as well as the signature margaritas. These complement the host of authentic Mexican favourites which can be prepared to your taste, whether it be mild or spicy. Plus the sizzling fajitas are another customer favourite.

### How to book...

Chiquito, Westwood Cross Broadstairs phone: 01843 579 320 www.chiquito.co.uk

## Don Giovanni Folkestone

### Why here...

Don Giovanni is one of the leading Italian restaurants in east Kent and a great place for diners to try a little Mediterranean experience. Close to The Leas, it has a warm and cosy venue.

### On the menu...

The restaurant has a distinctly Latin ambience, much appreciated by diners. It is open from noon to 2.30pm and 6.30pm to 10.30pm Monday to Saturday but closes at 10pm on Sundays.

### How to book...

Don Giovanni, 18 Bouverie Road West, Folkestone CT20 2SZ phone: 01303 850962 www.dongiovannifolkestone.com



## William & Brown Whitstable

### Why here...

Serves modern and traditional Spanish dishes, using the best suppliers and importers. Menus change to coincide with seasonal produce. It takes up a great spot in the picturesque Whitstable lanes. Lying just yards from the seafront and the famous fishing harbour, fresh-fish dishes and the brilliantly-presented traditional Spanish tapas are a must for every

customer. Book ahead to avoid a tapas disappointment.

### On the menu...

Jamon Iberico, guindillas with anchovies, scallops with morcilla, sardinas a la plancha, Catalan honeyed chicken, beef Madrid, paella Valenciana and albóndigas with calamares make up just a few of the traditional Spanish dishes available for selection on the tapas menu.

### How to book...

William & Brown Tapas, 48 Harbour Street, Whitstable CT5 1AQ phone: 01227 273373



## Golden Curry Cliftonville

### Why here...

Established for 32 years, this is one of the best restaurants for Indian cuisine because of its quality food and excellent service. There is a 20 per cent discount on takeaways and home-delivery is available.

### On the menu...

There is a wide range of dishes such as Bangladeshi fish, which has proved to be very popular. Food can be prepared to suit customers' dietary needs and there is something for everyone.

### How to book...

The Golden Curry, 63 Northdown Road, Cliftonville, Margate CT9 2RJ phone: 01843 295658



## One last job before you go away

By Hannah Stephenson

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**Y**OU may have packed your suitcases and sorted out your flight tickets in preparation for your two-week summer holiday – but what about the garden?

So many gardeners see all their work go to pot when they are away from home in the summer as containers dry out, lawns go brown and plants run to seed in their absence.

However, there are ways to minimise the suffering your plants endure if you are away during a prolonged spell of warm, dry weather so you can return home to a garden that doesn't look like it's been in a full-scale drought.

Your first port of call is your neighbours and family. Ask if they can water your plants while you're away and harvest crops such as tomatoes and green beans before they go over, keeping what they want for themselves.

Cluster your patio pots together in a sheltered, shady place that is open to the rain, feeding and watering them thoroughly just before leaving. Having them close together will make watering easier, if you have someone to do it for you, and will help conserve moisture if you don't.

If you don't have anyone to water your containers, take down hanging baskets and sit them directly in a depression in the soil surface in a cool, shady spot and drench them with



water so the soil underneath is also wet.

If you don't have an automatic watering system, use an upturned bottle full of water set into the container, which should release the water as the soil dries.

Alternatively, invest in some strips of

capillary matting tucked into the compost at one end and a bucket of water at the other, which should provide enough moisture for the fortnight you're away.

Before you go, remove all the blooms from your containers, not just the faded ones. This should conserve the plants' energy and hopefully will mean that new blooms will have emerged by the time you return home.

Don't worry about your lawn. You can choose to leave it long, to conserve moisture and protect the roots. Don't feed it to encourage it to grow fast while you're away. If it has gone the colour of straw on your return, don't worry because it will pick up again in autumn when the rain (hopefully!) comes.

Well-established plants in borders shouldn't suffer too much as their roots will be deep enough to find some moisture in the soil.

Fruit shouldn't suffer if you're away in August as soft fruit will have been picked before you go and apples and pears won't be ready for harvesting until autumn.

Give veg a really good soaking before you go – pick as much as you can just before you leave, blanching and freezing what you can't use, or give it to a kindly neighbour who may return the favour with a bit of watering in your absence.

If you do rely on your friends and neighbours to do the watering for you while you're away, make sure you bring them back a present and always offer to return the favour.



**READY TO GO:** Relying on a friendly neighbour to water your garden – and rewarding them with some of your harvest – is a great way to make sure your garden survives any two-week holiday

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**E**NJOY unrivalled sights such as the chalk Wye Crown carved into the hillside and the impressive Devil's Kneading Trough nestled in the idyllic setting of the Wye Downs National Nature Reserve.

This 4.3-mile (6.9km) circular walk can start on the Broad Downs, an ideal place to fly kites, and encompasses the Wye Downs with sections following the North Downs Way.

The historic North Downs Way follows much of what is called the Pilgrim's Way, historically used to make pilgrimages to Winchester and Canterbury. Originally created by the Romans using the gap through the North Downs, the remains of a Roman camp and villa have been found at Wye.

Interesting features adorn this walk, including a set of steps laid into the hillside towards Pickerdane Farm. Farming is the dominant driver of the local economy – the panoramic scenes of the surrounding agricultural land provide a typical depiction of rural Kent.

Wye is also renowned for being home to one of the world's most important agricultural colleges, Imperial College Wye. Wye farmers' market is one not to be missed; it runs on the village green from 9am on the first and third Saturday of every month.

Wye is a historic village and as you continue your journey past Silks Farm you pass the legendary St Eustace's Well, situated in a private garden. The well was thought to be full of holy waters with miraculous healing powers.

As you stroll through the village you will notice that many of the village buildings feature original medieval architecture. For a welcome break, why not take rest in one of the many local restaurants or public houses in Wye?

At the heart of the village lies the 13th-century St Gregory's and St Martin's Church. In 1447, Archbishop Kemp improved the fabric of the church and installed new windows and enlarged it to accommodate the Master and Fellows of Wye College.

In 1572, the steeple was destroyed by lightning and in 1686 the tower collapsed and demolished the whole of the east wing.

The tower was rebuilt but this time on the ground and a smaller chancel was constructed in the style of Queen Anne. In 1943, a bomb destroyed the west window, which was replaced in 1951.

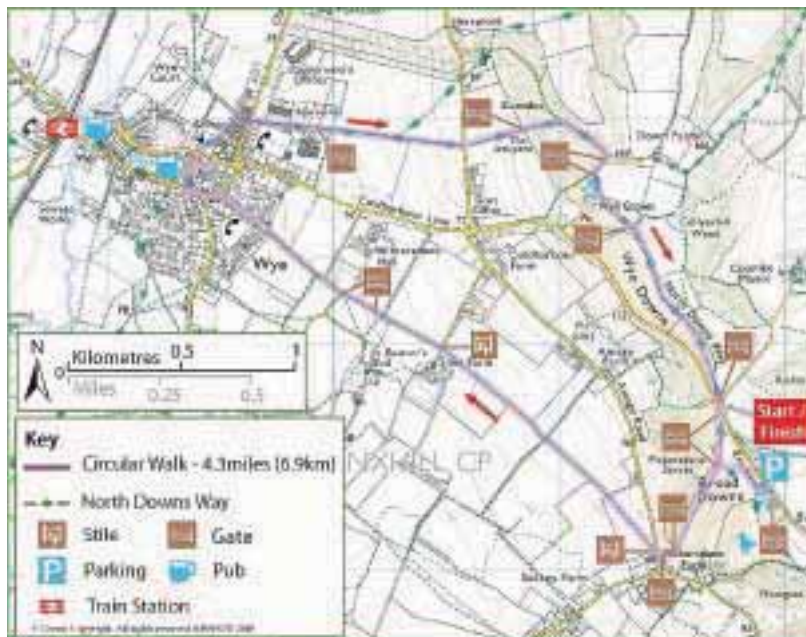
Wye Downs form part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, so take some time to admire their charm. Excellent views can be enjoyed over Romney Marsh, The Weald and even the coast on a clear day.

The chalk grassland is important for the range of orchids it supports, many species having been recorded at the site.

The reserve encompasses areas of scrub, woodland and hedgerows – these habitats support some 50 breeding bird species, including nightingale, hawfinch, lesser spotted woodpecker and kestrel. Reptiles can also be found here, including species such as adder, grass snake, slow-worm and common lizard.



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- **Location:** Wye, TN25 5AW
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- **OS Explorer Map:** 137
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- **Gates:** 13
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## Military show Planes, tanks and big rides

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THE Combined Ops third annual weekend show at Headcorn aerodrome is geared for record crowds to enjoy spectacular events both in the air and on the ground.

The nostalgic programme includes a spectacular RAF Battle of Britain memorial flight, displays from a P51 Mustang and a Hurricane, as well as classic Second World War fighter-planes, including the famous Russian Yak. You can see the re-enactment of a Battle of Britain air-raid scramble and 30 living-history displays from the Gulf War. The more adventurous can take a flight in a vintage Dragon Rapide biplane or have a ride in a tank. With more than 60 militaria and craft stalls to see, this is an ideal venue for the serious browser.



## Free cinema Open-air films for the family

### Leviathan Way, Chatham Martime

01634 890421  
[www.dickensworld.co.uk](http://www.dickensworld.co.uk)

MEDWAY'S historical theme park Dickens World is offering visitors a free open-air cinema throughout the school summer holidays.

The theatre will be based at the Dickens World Plaza on Leviathan Way at Chatham Maritime and show films aimed at family audiences. With no entry fee to pay, film fans can head down on Saturday, August 13, to see The Jungle Book (U) at 4pm and Little Shop Of Horrors (PG) at 6pm.

On Sunday, August 14, the acclaimed Toy Story 3 (U) will be shown at 4pm, while Mama Mia (PG) will be aired at 6pm. During the following weekend the cinema will play the animated film Up (U) at 4pm, followed by Greece (PG) at 6pm on Saturday, August 20.

## Top veterans concert band Royal Marines

### Leeds Castle

Sunday, August 21, 3pm  
01622 880008  
[www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com)

YOU can visit Leeds Castle this summer and be entertained by the celebrated Royal Marines Association Concert Band. Bring along the family and a picnic to the gardens and

enjoy a rousing musical score of music to suit all tastes. With the 900-year-old castle as the backdrop and the impressive sight of the band in full uniform, this is the perfect way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon.

The Royal Marines Association Concert Band was formed in May 2006 with the approval of the Commandant General of the Royal Marines and principal director of music. The band will give an exciting performance under the direction of Captain David Cole. Having received his early musical training with The

Salvation Army and the London Schools Symphony Orchestra on tuba, Capt Cole joined the Royal Marines Band Service in 1967, serving for a little over 32 years and finishing as director of music. The band has built a reputation as the premier veterans concert band in the UK, so don't miss this opportunity. The performance will start at 3pm; tickets cost £15 for adults and £10 for children under 16. Tickets must be booked in advance by phoning the box office on 01622 880008 or visiting the website at [www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com).

## Sheep Fest Woolly races and farm fun

### Lock Lane, Maidstone

Until Thursday, September 1  
01622 763936  
[www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk)

KENT LIFE staff members are bracing themselves for visitors flocking in numbers to the venue for an all-new Sheep Fest.

The summer-long event will see a celebration of everything about our woolly friends which includes a daily show and race.

The event offers a humorous and educational show about sheep in general, the many different breeds and the wool, meat and milk industries that they provide; there will be the opportunity for people to see the stars throughout the day. The sheep race will give visitors a farmtastic and funny chance to watch the sheep as they are taken to their starting posts ridden by a number of cuddly jockeys.

Visitors can call in to the recently-opened Dotty's Tea Rooms or take in the locally-sourced food and produce available from the onsite farm shop.

Join the hop-picker workshops, or cuddle up to a number of smaller animals, or alternatively have a ride around the paddock on a donkey.



## Young theatre Fantastic Mr Fox... the truth

### Bishopsbourne, Canterbury

Wednesday, August 31  
01227 831355  
[www.charlton-park.org](http://www.charlton-park.org)

ROALD Dahl's classic tale of Fantastic Mr Fox is to be performed on the lawns of Charlton Park, Bishopsbourne. Performed by the Illyria Touring Company, the show has been adapted for stage by David Wood. The group takes into account that any performance may,

for many young people in the audience, be their first exposure to live theatre and so strives to make shows an experience they will remember. Brightly costumed and accompanied by music, the actors address their target audience in an intelligent and non-patronising way. Illyria does not take the fashionably PC view that theatre for children should be cleansed of cruelty, peril, or even death and looks to address these issues.

The gardens will be open from 5pm and the show starts at 6.30pm; homemade picnics are welcome. Tickets cost £17.50 for adults with discounts for groups and family tickets.





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FIT female 39, enjoys good conversation, laughs and walking bare foot in the grass, WLTm similar male for tactile friendship/more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372663

LYNNE slim, scatty blonde, mid 50's, looking for some fun and company. Margate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371549

SOCIABLE cuddly 70's lady. GSOH. N/S, likes cinema, days out, coast, seeks genuine male for friendship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369297

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JACQUELINE 48, medium build, likes nights in/out, seeks male, 40-58 for friendship, maybe more. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370474

ACTIVE slim female 30yrs, easygoing, honest with GSOH and a passion for life looking for genuine man to fall for, 28-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370097

CAROLINE size 16, seeks kind, honest, loving gent, 45 plus for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 371099

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VERY good looking Turkish female looking to meet male 29-45 for fun friendship. Looks/race/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 370183

ATTRACTIVE N/S 52yr old female, likes walks, countryside, pubs, companionship for meals out, holidays and sunshine, any buttons pressed in East Kent area, please call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372917

47YR old female, slim, seeks tall male for relationship. West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372793

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48YR old female, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nights in/out, holidays, coast, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365555

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SUSIE 51f 7ins, blonde, seeks educated attractive male for loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365476

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IAN 51, likes pool, cinema, walking, seeks nice female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387180

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# New regulations welcomed as a boost to the lettings industry

**T**WO advances in consumer protection in the lettings industry came into effect on the first day of this month. As The Property Ombudsman scheme (TPO) launches its strengthened Code of Practice for member lettings agents, the revised code will also complete Stage One of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) Consumer Codes Approval Scheme.

The scheme has two stages and over the coming months TPO is required to demonstrate to the Office of Fair Trading that members comply with the code to gain Stage Two and final approval.

It is intended that tenants, letting agencies and landlords will benefit from the move as the new regulatory bodies are independent of the industry itself.

Negotiations with OFT have been conducted largely by Bill McClintock, chairman of the TPO operating company.

"The OFT scheme is recognised by consumers as being totally independent of the industry, a unique feature that no other body for lettings membership can offer," said Mr McClintock. "This is an important step forward for lettings



**STANDARDS:** Bill McClintock

agents but especially for the landlords and tenants who use them.

"Under our revised code which came into effect on August 1, all lettings agents need to have separate client money accounts and all our members are obliged to have professional indemnity insurance.

"Now we have completed Stage One,

lettings agents will undergo the same random monitoring we already apply to residential sales agents, which not only ensures higher standards for consumers but also points out to member agents precisely what they need to do to improve the service they offer. Consumers will be able to give feedback directly to TPO about their level of satisfaction.

"Agents cannot influence the outcome of these surveys because if there are any results pointing to exemplary or very poor service we then mystery-shop the agents to make our own assessment.

"Enforcement of our Code of Practice for sales agents has resulted in a reduction of the seriousness of complaints brought to the Ombudsman."

TPO now has 8,130 member residential lettings offices, all of them joining the scheme since redress for lettings agents was launched in 2006.

"Landlords and tenants who want to ensure their lettings agent offers the highest standards with a system in place for independent settling of disputes should look for the green TPO logo displayed by member lettings agents as the mark of distinction," said Mr McClintock.

## Perks make these homes look even sweeter to buy

TWO homes are on the market at Kings Hill, West Malling, with attractive financial inducements to aid a quick sale.

They are a pair of new homes next to countryside and with south-facing rear gardens.

The pair of properties comprise a Nuthurst house type, pictured, which is a four-bedroom home of 1,385sq ft and a Woodchurch house of 1,614sq ft, which also boasts four bedrooms.

The two homes are detached save for their adjacent garages and are in a select close of just seven properties.

They come under the summer-savings scheme which is in operation, so anyone in a position to exchange quickly can benefit from a £5,000 reduction for an exchange within four weeks.

For those who are keen to buy but unable to sell their current property, there is an opportunity to benefit from the part-exchange scheme, subject to usual terms and conditions.



"These homes are spacious and come with fully-fitted kitchens and contemporary bathrooms", said Jo Richards, of Hillreed Homes.

"These particular styles, due to their layout and spaciousness, appeal to those with growing families, downsizers or up-and-coming couples who like to entertain."

The properties are in a Kent architectural design to fit in their setting and are within easy reach of the many and varied facilities at Kings Hill.

The Nuthurst is on the market for £379,950 and the Woodchurch is £444,950.



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## The Corniche, Sandgate

£875,000

A BEAUTIFULLY-presented detached family home occupying a double-sized plot in The Corniche at Sandgate. This property is sited in a prestigious elevated location on a wooded hillside commanding spectacular views across the English Channel to France.

During the summer the balcony becomes an integral part of the living accommodation, a gloriously peaceful place to relax in the sun beneath the shade of the automatic awning, looking out to sea and listening to the sound of the waves breaking on the beach.

The views are as breathtaking by night – a full moon reflecting on the sea is a spectacular sight and in the darkness the twinkling lights on passing ships and along the French coastline are amazing.

The present owners moved to the property about five years ago shortly after they had remodelled the interior.

Extensive refurbishment works entailed rewiring the electrical circuits, renewing much of the plumbing, upgrading the central-

heating system and fitting new uPVC double-glazed windows and doors.

With the essentials in place, they embarked on completely redesigning and refurbishing the interior, installing a high-quality bespoke kitchen and fitting luxuriously-appointed bath and shower room suites.

The results of the no-expense-spared transformation are stunning and they have succeeded in creating a beautiful home in an outstanding setting.

The light and airy interior is entered at upper-floor level, moving through from the entrance hall, and one is immediately confronted with spectacular sea views from an immense open-plan living space with patio doors leading on to a large south-facing balcony.

The superbly-equipped kitchen/breakfast room with sea views is also on the upper floor and there is an inner hallway that leads off to a cloakroom with a door that connects to the rear of the double-width garage.

A dog-leg staircase with an at-

tractive hardwood balustrade descends from the living area to a spacious hallway, with access to the superbly-landscaped rear garden via a door from the study.

The owners prefer to use one of the four bedrooms as a utility room; their master bedroom has a large en-suite shower room and, in common with the family bathroom, is stylishly appointed.

This property is priced at £875,000.

Agent: Fine & Country  
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# Perfectly sited for both town and rural appeal

## The Cricketers, Broadstairs

£895,000

THE Cricketers – an attractive property in a great location – combines the best of town and rural living, according to its current owners:

“This is a superb location. We find it is like living in the countryside but with all the convenience associated with being about a mile from Broadstairs town centre and station.

“We are one of only three houses in the road, in an area surrounded by woodland with wonderful open views, reminiscent of a typical English village green. We felt it was the perfect setting to build our dream home, deciding upon a Tudor-style design as most befitting the immediate surroundings.

“The entire build was project-managed by a NHBC-registered builder.

“In many ways this is a truly international home, in so much that the fixtures and fittings have been sourced from around the world.

“The front doors and staircase were imported from America and the bi-fold doors that open most of the back of the house to the garden are from Germany.

“We trawled the internet looking for stylish bathrooms and wall and floor tiles, visiting the importer to select the Brazilian granite that was to be machined and polished for the kitchen.

“The gardens to the rear are naturally very secluded and have

proved to be a wonderful place to work on creating a lovely outlook from the house.

“Just one other thought: the original planning permission was granted for accommodation within the roof space and, although the present accommodation is more than adequate for us, we have generally prepared the loft so it would be relatively easy to create further bedrooms with en-suites, in the event that subsequent owners may wish to extend.”

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# Character plus charm

Dixwell Road, Folkestone

**T**HE home at 5 Dixwell Road is an impressive and substantial seven-bedroom detached family house of character and well-proportioned accommodation situated in the heart of the West End of Folkestone.

Standing in one of Folkestone's most sought-after locations, it is within easy walking distance of the famous Leas and the high-speed rail link to London, offering a journey time of under an hour from Folkestone to London St Pancras. Believed to have been built around the 1920s, the majority of the windows have been replaced with sealed units and the property was re-roofed in 2007.

An entrance porch and vestibule area, with a cloakroom and WC, leads through to the hallway.

The downstairs accommodation includes three reception rooms, a sitting-room area with an attractive fireplace set in carved wood, a conservatory and an archway to the drawing-room area, which has a decorative marble fireplace with a living-flame coal-effect gas stove, fitted bookshelves and cupboards.

There is also a dining room with double casement doors leading out to the garden, a study, kitchen/

breakfast room and a utility area.

The first floor comprises a landing with an attractive leaded-light window and built-in wardrobe, cupboards and fitted bookshelves.

Of the seven bedrooms, the first and third lead out to a balcony, and bedroom one is also en-suite.

There is a family bathroom and separate WC, shower room and a box room/potential bathroom.

There is a delightful large, west-facing, mature garden to the rear with a lovely patio area.

A pretty sunken garden occupies the far side, with a small circular pond as a centrepiece, and an appealing seating arbour settles here, providing a pleasing outlook over the garden and lawn.

A path to the side leads pleasantly through an attractive assortment of mature trees and planting.

This property is priced at £745,000.

**Agent:** Smith-Woolley & Perry  
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# Discreet but very stylish

Five Ways, Cliftonville

**T**HE property known as Five Ways is a stunning example of an Edgar Ranger-designed residence, full of charm and grace and situated on a large triple-corner plot in a sought-after and discreet location in Cliftonville.

Built in 1924, this beautiful six-bedroom property retains many of the original features, including wonderful fireplaces, original parquet floors, decorative leaded windows, oak panelling, 1920s art-deco bathroom and beamed ceilings.

There are six large bedrooms, two bathrooms, a shower room, principle lounge, reception hall, morning room, breakfast room, dining room, utility room, cloakroom, conservatory and kitchen.

To the exterior there are beautifully arranged and extensive gar-

dens surrounding the property and commanding a triple plot.

The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn, with high walls covered by mature trees.

A section of the garden has been segregated to incorporate more of a wild natural garden with an abundance of fruit trees.

There is a wrought-iron gate leading to the front, with access to the driveway, and attached to the rear of the property, in keeping with the architecture, is a potting shed with lockable door.

On the return, there is a fabulous wall-mounted sundial and access to the front lawns.

Although this residence would benefit from some internal decoration, including a new kitchen, to enhance the property further, you

could still just move straight in and personalise it in your own time.

Offering a wealth of space both internally and externally, this extraordinary property needs to be seen to be appreciated in its fully glory.

There are double garages to the grounds plus planning consent granted to extend the residence even further.

This property is priced at £850,000.

**Agent:** Terence Painter Properties  
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# Classical touch for this modern home

Manor Road,  
St Nicholas-at-Wade

**S**ITUATED in an attractive village is an extremely spacious detached family home with six good-sized bedrooms, four bath/shower rooms and three reception rooms.

The property, at 1 Heritage Park, Manor Road, was built in 2005 in a Georgian design to high specification.

The ground-floor accommodation features oak flooring throughout and a triple-aspect main sitting room leading to a sun lounge overlooking a secluded garden.

The front of the property is block-paved, providing four car-parking spaces within remote-controlled gates, shared with the neighbouring house. There is a matching brick double garage with electric remote-controlled up-and-over door.

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# Drawn to Victorian splendour



## Archery Square, Deal

**B**EAUTIFULLY-restored interiors, a large garden and views over tennis courts and a croquet lawn are just some of the features of an attractive home in the seaside town of Deal.

This is how the owners describe life in their elegant stone-built four-bedroom Victorian villa with its own self-contained annexe on the lower ground floor.

"We have lived at Archery Square for almost 25 happy years, raising our two younger children here.

"When we moved here the house was in a terrible state, but gradually we have restored it to a lovely family house, with large lofty rooms, and a sunny, productive garden.

"Restoring missing plaster cornices was a challenging task, and making the original sash windows draught-proof another. Installing central heating and having a new slate roof and good insulation made a big difference to our comfort.

"At the front of the house we overlook the tennis and croquet club in Archery Square; at the rear there is the garden to look out on.

"Initially it was full of head-high ground elder and nettles, but it now has a patio, lawns and flower beds near the house, and a vegetable and fruit garden behind.

"Deal is a pleasant town with, increasingly, a café culture. There is a good choice of bars and restaurants. There are also four good golf courses within a six-mile radius."

The price of this property is £500,000.

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## Switch to Channel views

### Old Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne

**T**HE home at 157 Old Dover Road is a well-presented five-bedroom detached chalet house, refurbished in a contemporary style, offering spacious accommodation and enjoying outstanding panoramic views across the English Channel.

The village of Capel-le-Ferne is between Folkestone, about four miles away, and Dover.

The accommodation comprises an enclosed entrance porch with a slate floor and a hallway with part-slate floor and walk-in cloak cupboard.

There is an L-shaped sitting and dining room, with a contemporary limestone fireplace, granite hearth and living-flame gas fire; an arch-way leads to the dining area.

The kitchen has matching cream units, part-glass block wall and built-in understairs cupboard. A wet room, rear lobby, cloakroom and utility room and a bedroom with casement doors to the garden, along with a bedroom/study, complete the ground floor.

On the first floor are a family bathroom and two further bedrooms, and another possible master bedroom – currently used as a sitting room – with casement doors leading to a balcony that has uninterrupted views across the busy shipping lanes of the English Channel.

Outside there is a garage with an electric roller-door and personal door to the hall.

A neat, attractive garden lies to the rear of the property, with a large patio area adjacent to the house allowing plenty of room for alfresco entertaining.

Double gates lead from the side to an additional gravel area for optional parking, and the front garden is mainly laid to lawn.

This property is priced at £435,000.

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## Family home by the sea

### White House, Hythe

**W**HITE House is an attractive detached four-bedroom family property set in pretty gardens with sea views, enjoying an elevated position in the popular area of Cliff Road, Hythe.

The ground floor has a covered veranda, entrance vestibule and reception hall, sitting room and dining room with cupboard and shelves in the chimney recess.

A kitchen, breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom complete this floor.

On the first floor is a master bedroom with built-in wardrobe cup-



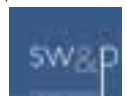
boards, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom (with a bath and shower cubicle) and separate WC.

There is are delightful gardens both to the front and rear of the property.

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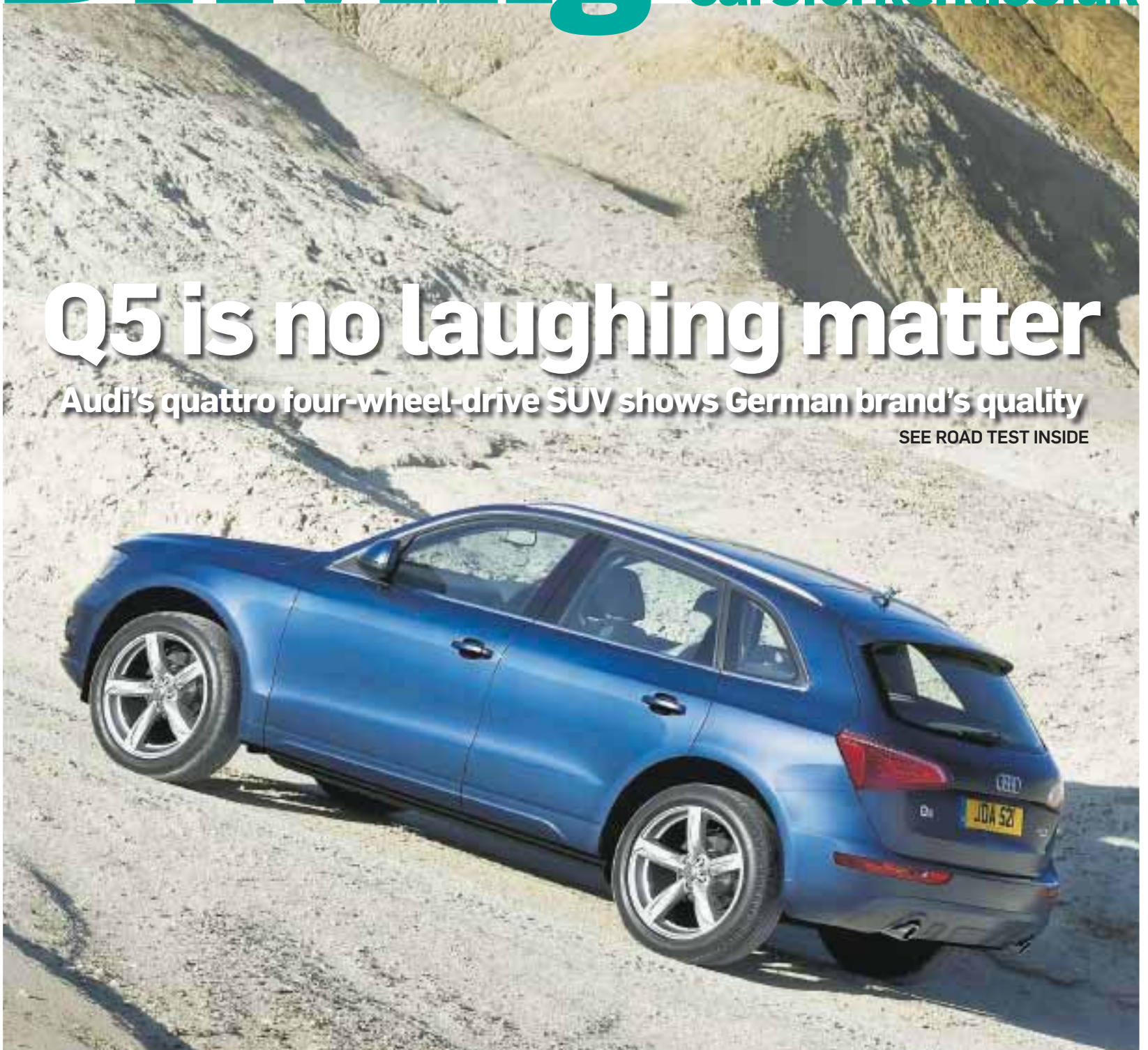
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# Serious stuff from Audi

By Sam Davison

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LEGEND has it that comic genius Spike Milligan's Q series (1969-82) of quirky comedy shows took their title from the then-quality ratings scale at the BBC.

The higher the number after the Q, the poorer the broadcast quality, though the genius of the anarchic shows Q5 through to Q9 not only gained a cult audience but also influenced many new-wave comics of the era, notably the Monty Python team.

None of the above, of course, applies to Audi's Q series of vehicles. Words like anarchic, comedy and quirky, and, above all, any suggestion about poor quality won't generate laughs at the offices of the German premium brand.

The letter Q, in this case, stands for quattro four-wheel drive system – a famous sub-brand for Audi – used here to underpin a successful series of SUVs (sports utility vehicles) starting with the monster Q7 launched in 2006 and soon to be joined by the Q3 – roughly the size of Toyota's RAV4.

But our test car here is the middling Q5 model (from £28,000), though it's by no means middling in its appeal.

Launched in 2009, it is the most attractive of the series visually and, subject to us getting behind the wheel of the Q3, the nicest to drive.

Like many an SUV, the high stance does not mean it can go merrily off-road, since relatively poor ground-clearance will soon bring it to a grinding halt on any terrain with serious bumps in it.

However, it does have an off-road switch to help when things get tougher and there is even a hill-descent control, but the main function of the permanent four-wheel-drive quattro system here is to deliver excellent manners on tortuous roads rather than terrain.

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**NO JOKE:** Audi's Q5 combines a superb driving experience with high comfort levels inside plus a sizeable boot

It is taut when pressed hard into bends and, unlike some rivals, the tight grip on body roll is as firm as the car's tenacity on tarmac itself, no doubt helped by judicious use of weight-saving aluminium under the skin of the car.

What is surprising, though, is that such correctness does not come at the expense of a jarring ride for the car's occupants.

Nor is the Q5 a slouch. It is a true sports utility vehicle, with none of the six powertrain options appearing to lack much on paper.

Our car had the middle range 170PS (168bhp) 2.0 TDI diesel, which vies with a 180PS (178bhp) turbocharged petrol unit.

If you want real zip, then the petrol is the one – 0-62mph in 8.5 seconds is impressive for this class – but the middle 30s for mpg is your best hope for economy, while the road tax band is J.

Our diesel offers a respectable 0-62mph in 9.9 seconds, at least another 10mpg on

average, band I for tax, and costs about the same to buy.

The test model also has the £1,480 S-tronic gearbox – the VW Audi group's twin-clutch automatic gearbox – which delivers gearchanging options to suit all conditions: if stuck in traffic, auto mode will handle the frustrations; when cruising, it will also shift seamlessly through the seven gears; but when on the open-road, manual mode allows easy shifting by the driver to make the most of the Q5's handling abilities.

The car is not just a driver-pleaser, either: the Q5's cabin is of superior quality, has a well-arranged dashboard, high comfort levels and a sizeable boot.

The only jokes that Spike Milligan might have made at its expense is that adding a few options starts to embroider already lofty prices, but it is a class act.

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## Big gains from hi-tech CX-5

MAZDA has unveiled an all-new compact crossover SUV, the CX-5, a showcase for the Japanese marque's wide-ranging Skyactiv technology.

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## Focus Ford's leading light

FORD increased UK market share during July in every sector in which it competes – cars and light to medium commercials.

Its total share for the month (15.5 per cent) and the year so far (15.4) rose against 2010.

The Focus, pictured, closed in on the Fiesta supermini at the top of the car sales chart, while the Transit is still the best-selling commercial.



## Alfa increases market share

ITALIAN sporting marque Alfa Romeo is racing in the UK this year after a 65 per cent market-share increase against its performance at this point in 2010. The figure is also 70 per cent above the industry average despite a shaky economy and consumer confidence. Much credit goes to its family-hatchback contender, the award-winning Giulietta, pictured.



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# All-new Evoque captures the imagination

By Sam Davison

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RANGE Rover's all-new Evoque was named Car Of The Year 2011 at the prestigious Auto Express magazine New Car Awards.

The event celebrated the top buys in 18 classes of the new-car market, with key criteria including fuel-efficiency, driver appeal, practicality and reliability.

The British-built Evoque not only took the Best Compact SUV title but took the overall crown, with acting editor Graham Hope saying: "The Evoque puts the hugely-desirable Range Rover brand within the reach of compact executive car-buyers for the very first time."

"The fact it looks and drives the way it does serves only to underline its premium appeal."

"The winner of the Auto Express Car Of The Year prize really needs to break the mould – and the Range Rover Evoque does exactly that."

"You have only to look at its concept-car styling to see why the British firm already has a bulging order book for the new baby of its range."

The car's brand stablemate, the Land Rover Discovery 4, also took the Best Large SUV title for the second successive year.

But it was a big night, too, for the Czech brand, Skoda, with an unbeaten four awards – two being for variants of its Superb flagship.

And Skoda's parent company, VW, also took an impressive three awards – two going to variants of the excellent Golf family hatchback.

## LEADING THE WAY:

Range Rover's new stylish Evoque was named Auto Express's Car Of The Year at the mag's New Car Awards, while VW's Golf and Skoda's Superb Estate, below, also picked up awards



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2010(60)	NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles,.....	£19,995
2010(60)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles,.....	£15,995
2010(60)	VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles,.....	£15,995
2010(10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 900 miles,.....	£14,995
2010(60)	MINI COOPER MINI COOPER 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1700 miles,.....	£14,995
2011(11)	VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 350 miles,.....	£14,995
2010(60)	VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles,.....	£13,995
2011(11)	PEUGEOT 308 HDI S 5DR TURBO HATCH, THORIUM GREY, 1000 miles,....	£12,995
2011(11)	HONDA JAZZ I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO, BRONZE, 300 miles,.....	£12,995
2011(11)	NISSAN CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 500 miles,.....	£12,995
2011(11)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO SE DSG 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 1000 miles,.....	£12,995
2011(11)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, RED, 2000 miles,.....	£11,995
2010(60)	NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 3000 miles,.....	£11,995
2010(60)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, INFERNO RED, 2000 miles,.....	£11,995
2010(60)	FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles,.....	£11,995
2011(60)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 3000 miles,.....	£11,495
2011(11)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 2000 miles,.....	£10,995
2011(60)	VAUXHALL AGILA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 650 miles,.....	£10,995
2010(60)	FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles,.....	£10,995
2010(60)	HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 400 miles,.....	£9,995
2010(60)	RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1000 miles,.....	£9,995
2010(10)	FIAT PUNTO EVO DYNAMIC DUALOGIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 500 miles, £9,495	
2010(10)	KIA PICANTO STRIKE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles,.....	£7,995

### CONVERTIBLES CABRIOLETS COUPES

2009(59)	BMW 3 SERIES 320i SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles.....	£19,995
2010(10)	PEUGEOT 207 CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles.....	£13,995
2009(59)	RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO, RUBY RED, 8000 miles.....	£11,995
2008(08)	RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles.....	£9,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles.....	£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 14000 miles£8,995	
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, EMOTION RED, 7000 miles.....	£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA VISIA CC MANUAL CONVERTIBLE, BLACK, 15000 miles.....	£7,995
2006(06)	RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles.....	£7,995

### NEW FIESTA

2011(11)	FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, MIDNIGHT SKY GREY, 500 miles.....	£12,995
2010(60)	FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles.....	£11,995
2009(09)	FORD FIESTA ZETEC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles.....	£9,995
2009(58)	FORD FIESTA STYLE PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 3000 miles.....	£8,995

### FOCUS HATCH & SALOON

2010(10)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.£10,995	
2009(09)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles.....	£9,995
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles..£8,995	
2008(58)	FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles.£8,495	
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 16000 miles.....	£7,995
2005(54)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 29000 miles.£4,995	
2006(55)	FORD FOCUS LX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 28000 miles.....	£4,995

### FOCUS ESTATES

2008(08)	FORD FOCUS TITANIUM ESTATE ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....	£9,995
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS ZETEC ESTATE AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 5000 miles.....	£8,995
2008(08)	FORD FOCUS STYLE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 11000 miles.....	£7,995

### RENAULT SCENIC

2009(59)	RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles.....	£14,995
2008(08)	RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles.....	£7,495
2008(08)	RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles.....	£7,495

### RENAULT

2009(59)	RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO, RUBY RED, 8000 miles.....	£11,995
2010(59)	RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION VWT MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles.....	£11,995
2010(60)	RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1000 miles.....	£9,995
2008(08)	RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles.....	£9,995
2008(08)	RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 MPV AUTO, GREEN, 15000 miles.....	£7,995
2008(58)	RENAULT KANGOO AUTHENTIQUE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 300 miles.....	£7,995
2006(06)	RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles.....	£7,995
2008(57)	RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE S VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles.....	£9,995
2004(54)	RENAULT KANGOO AUTHENTIQUE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 28000 miles.....	£3,995

### CHEVROLET

2009(09)	CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, POLY SILVER, 7000 miles.....	£6,995
2009(59)	CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ORANGE, 500 miles.....	£5,995
2009(59)	CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles£5,995	
2009(58)	CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles.....	£5,995
2008(08)	CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPORTS BLUE, 18000 miles....	£5,495
2008(08)	CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPORTS BLUE, 10000 miles....	£5,495
2008(08)	CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 18000 miles.....	£4,995
2007(07)	CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles.....	£3,995
2006(56)	CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles.....	£3,995

### HYUNDAI

2011(11)	HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 100 miles.....	£10,995
2010(10)	HYUNDAI I30 COMFORT CRDI 5DR TURBO HATCH AUTO, SILVER, 8000 miles.....	£10,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles.....	£9,995
2008(58)	HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles.....	£6,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles.....	£5,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 13000 miles.....	£5,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 7000 miles.....	£5,995
2008(08)	HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles.....	£5,495
2007(07)	HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEASIDE BLUE, 19000 miles.....	£5,495
2008(57)	HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 27000 miles.....	£4,995
2007(57)	HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, YELLOW, 14000 miles.....	£4,495
2006(56)	HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles.....	£4,295

### KIA

2010(10)	KIA PICANTO STRIKE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles.....	£7,995
2008(08)	KIA RIO GS 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles.....	£6,495

### DAIHATSU

2008(08)	DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles.....	£6,995
2008(08)	DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles.....	£6,995
2008(08)	DAIHATSU MATERIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles.....	£6,995
2007(57)	DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles£6,495	
2007(07)	DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles.....	£5,995

### BMW

2009(59)	BMW 3 SERIES 320i SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles.....	£19,995
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### FIAT

#### FUSION

2010(10)	FIAT PUNTO EVO DYNAMIC DUALOGIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 500 miles£9,495	
2010(60)	FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles.....	£10,995
2010(10)	FORD FUSION ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1800 miles.....	£9,995
2009(09)	FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 miles.....	£7,495
2008(08)	FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles.....	£6,995
2008(08)	FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 3000 miles.....	£6,995
2009(09)	FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles.....	£6,995
2009(09)	FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles.....	£6,995
2008(08)	FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, OCEAN BLUE, 20000 miles.....	£5,995

### CITROEN

2008(58)	CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles.....	£7,995
2006(06)	CITROEN XSARA PICASSO DESIRE 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles.....	£4,995

### CORSA

2011(11)	VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 500 miles.....	£12,995
2010(60)	VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles.....	£9,995
2009(59)	VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING , 10000 miles.....	£8,995
2010(10)	VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING , 2000 miles.....	£8,995
2008(58)	VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles.....	£7,995
2009(09)	VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 12000 miles.....	£7,495
2008(08)	VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles.....	£6,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 9000 miles....	£6,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 7000 miles.....	£6,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, METRO BLUE, 8000 miles.....	£6,495
2007(07)	VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 39000 miles.....	£5,995
2006(06)	VAUXHALL CORSA LIFE ECO 12V TWINPORT MTA 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 27000 miles.....	£4,695

### MAZDA

2009(59)	MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO, GALAXY GREY, 12000 miles.....	£12,995
2008(08)	MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO, GOLDEN SAND, 5000 miles.....	£10,995
2008(58)	MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles.....	£9,995
2008(08)	MAZDA 3 3 TS2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles.....	£8,995
2007(56)	MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....	£5,495

### SUZUKI

2009(59)	SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles.....	£8,995
2007(57)	SUZUKI SX4 GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles.....	£7,495
2009(59)	SUZUKI ALTO SZ4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles.....	£6,995

### TOYOTA

2008(08)	TOYOTA AVENSIS T SPIRIT VWT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 13000 miles.£12,995	
2006(56)	TOYOTA RAV-4 XT4 VVT-I ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 35000 miles.....	£12,995
2008(08)	TOYOTA AVENSIS T4 VWT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles.....	£11,995
2010(60)	TOYOTA YARIS TR VWT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles.....	£10,995
2010(10)	TOYOTA AYGO BLUE VWT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, CARIBBEAN BLUE, 6000 miles.....	£7,995
2008(08)	TOYOTA YARIS T3 VWT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles.....	£7,495
2005(05)	TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VWT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, CYRSTAL SILVER, 7000 miles.....	£6,995
2005(55)	TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VWT-I MPV AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 4000 miles.£6,995	
2003(03)	TOYOTA YARIS CDX VWT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 46000 miles, .....	£4,995

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2010(10)	NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 7000 miles	£16,995
2008(58)	NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles	£15,495
2008(08)	NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FADED DENIM, 19000 miles	£14,995
2008(08)	NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000miles	£13,995
2010(60)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, INFERNO RED, 2000 miles	£11,995
2010(60)	NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 3000 miles	£11,995
2011(11)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, RED, 2000 miles	£11,995
2011(60)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 3000 miles	£11,495
2010(59)	NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 5000 miles	£9,995
2010(10)	NISSAN MICRA N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE , 12000 miles	£9,995
2009(59)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 14000 miles	£8,995
2009(09)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles	£8,495
2009(58)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 7000 miles	£7,995
2007(57)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles	£6,995
2007(57)	NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles	£6,995
2007(57)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 11000 miles	£6,995
2008(57)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 19000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, EMOTION RED, 18000 miles	£6,995
2005(3)	NISSAN PRIMERA SVE ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles	£6,495
2006(56)	NISSAN NOTE SE MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles	£5,995
2005(54)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 9000 miles	£4,995
2005(55)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 39000 miles	£4,995
2004(54)	NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles	£4,995
2005(05)	NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles	£4,995
2005(05)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles	£4,995
2005(05)	NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles	£4,995
2005(54)	NISSAN MICRA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNO GREY, 12000 miles	£4,995
2005(05)	NISSAN ALMERA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, MERLOT RED, 1800 miles	£4,995
2005(05)	NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 12000 miles	£4,495
2005(05)	NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles	£4,495

## ASTRA HATCHBACKS

2009(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles	£9,995
2008(58)	VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 15000 miles	£9,995
2010(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles	£9,495
2009(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNICAL GREY, 5000 miles	£9,495
2009(59)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles	£8,995
2009(09)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles	£8,995
2008(58)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles	£8,495
2007(57)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles	£6,495
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles	£6,495
2007(57)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£5,995
2008(57)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 16000 miles	£5,995

## NEW MODEL ASTRA

2010(10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 900 miles	£14,995
2010(60)	VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles	£13,995
2010(10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles	£10,995

## ASTRA ESTATES

2010(10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE ESTATE AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 3000 miles	£9,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 7000 miles	£6,995
2008(58)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 8000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles	£6,495
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 18000 miles	£5,995
2006(56)	VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 19000 miles	£5,995

## ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 5000 miles	£10,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, PANACOTTA, 13000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 9000 miles	£8,995
2009(59)	VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 3000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 12000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles	£8,495
2005(05)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, STAR SILVER, 9000 miles	£5,995
2005(05)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING , 19000 miles	£5,495
2007(07)	VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 51000 miles	£4,695
2005(55)	VAUXHALL MERIVA ENJOY 16V MTA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 31000 miles	£4,495

## PEUGEOT

2010(10)	PEUGEOT 207 CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles	£13,995
2010(10)	PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles	£10,995
2010(10)	PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ABYSS BLUE, 6000 miles	£9,995
2010(59)	PEUGEOT 207 S 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, MONTEBELLO BLUE, 1000 miles	£9,495
2009(09)	PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, NIMBUS GREY, 7000 miles	£8,995
2008(08)	PEUGEOT 207 SE PREMIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles	£8,995
2007(57)	PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 23000 miles	£7,495
2009(09)	PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 5DR HATCH AUTO, ELECTRIC BLUE, 9000 miles	£6,995
2007(57)	PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 miles	£6,995
2008(08)	PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 2-TRONIC 3DR HATCH AUTO, CITRUS YELLOW, 14000 miles	£5,995

## MITSUBISHI

2007(57)	MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 19000 miles	£6,995
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## HONDA

2008(57)	HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, WHISTLER SILVER, 12000 miles	£16,995
2008(57)	HONDA CR-V ES AUTO 5DR AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles	£16,995
2007(07)	HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, GREY, 24000 miles	£15,995
2008(08)	HONDA FR-V I-VTEC EX MPV AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles	£12,995
2011(11)	HONDA JAZZ I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO, BRONZE, 300 miles	£12,995
2006(06)	HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 26000 miles	£10,995
2008(58)	HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles	£9,495
2005(55)	HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 48000 miles	£5,995

## MERCEDES

2008(58)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A170 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles	£13,995
2009(09)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles	£12,995
2007(57)	MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 23000 miles	£12,995
2008(08)	MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, COSMOS BLACK, 8000 miles	£11,995
2006(56)	MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180 KOMPRESSOR SPORT EDITION COUPE AUTO, BLUEBLACK, 48000 miles	£10,995
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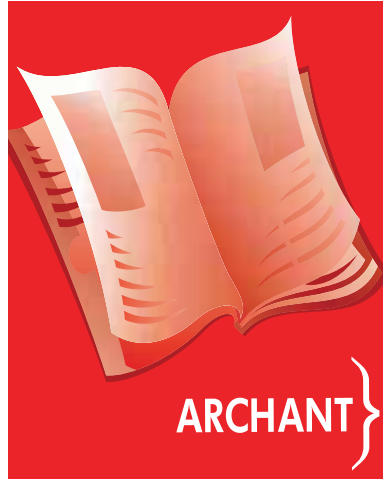
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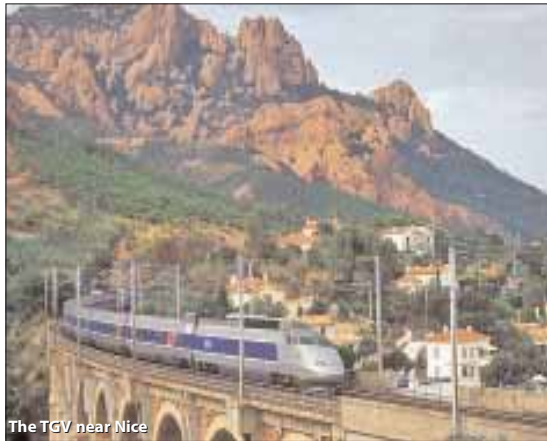
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TANYA 35, Canterbury, brown hair/eyes, no ties, likes nights in/out, cuddles, TLC, seeks male for fun times. Hackney. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387220

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MALE Guardian reader? Any, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360655

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SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975

FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961

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INDEPENDENT 52yr old slim, N/S male, likes country walks, swimming, animals, meals/days out, seeks N/S similar aged male for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366099

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JOHN retired widower, seeks female for friendship. Redhill. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372581

FUN loving professional male, 42, OHAC, independent, seeks warm, sincere, fun loving female for relationship. Animals/children welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387032

DAVID 49, blue eyes, seeking fun loving lady for kisses and cuddles, lets have fun together. SE Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372433

FRED young 72, seeking female, 60 plus for friendship/companionship, maybe more. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372933

THANET male 53, 6ft, seeks slim-medium build female, 45 plus to take away the lonely times and share TLC together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 372849

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